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Glenn Hoddle's sidefooted goal on his England debut.



BURKINSHAW'S BATTLE

MANAGER Keith Burkinshaw has worked tirelessly with his midfield star and saw Glenn's England cap as reward for the change in attitude of the player.

"It's been a real battle at times to make him change," says Burkinshaw. "It's worked, though, and we're all very pleased for him. Everyone at the club must take some of the credit."

"I'm particularly happy with the number of goals he's been scoring. He's in to double figures already, a terrific number for a midfield player. Glenn's attitude has been far more professional in every respect and this shows in his game."

ALL the world loves a new hero — and England's football fans certainly got that the night Glenn Hoddle pulled on his country's shirt for the first time.

"A virtuoso performance" and "Hoddle's Doddle" were just two of the headlines which screamed out at us from the morning newspapers the day after England's 2-0 victory over Bulgaria at Wembley.

It was sweet reading for the 22-year-old Tottenham midfield star who has suddenly come of age.

What makes Hoddle's progress all the more welcome is the fact that we've recognised ever since he made his debut at White Hart Lane that here was a unique talent.

The trouble is potential is not always fulfilled and even those who do well at club level can often turn out to be supreme failures on the international front — but not Hoddle.

His mature performance augured well for the future and as Greenwood himself observed:

"Glenn has a beautiful, delicate touch. He possesses great vision, excellent ball control and just like the old wing-halves he scores goals from outside the penalty-area."

"He is a very exciting player with a tremendous future but I hope people remember he is only 22 and he has a lot of years ahead of him."

We mustn't rush him."

Glenn himself was naturally pleased with his outing at Wembley: "I felt I did quite well. I was nervous at first but funnily I wasn't as bad as I had been the day before when we should have played."

"This was probably because we'd already qualified for the European Championship Finals so there wasn't so much pressure on us."

Spectacular

Hoddle has developed a remarkable knack this season for scoring spectacular goals on television. He volleyed a right-footer against Manchester United which was quickly dubbed the "Goal of the season".

A month later he matched that with another extraordinarily powerful shot against Nottingham Forest to celebrate his 22nd birthday, and then came his superb half-volley against the Bulgarians.

"It came to me awkwardly actually. Trevor Francis laid it back for me and I was going to thrash it as hard as I could. I changed my mind at the last second, side-footed it, and it flew in with the goalkeeper getting a touch."

"That was a great moment for me and I was so surprised I didn't know where to run. You might say

PLAYING SINCE HE WAS ONE!

AS A youngster, Glenn was always football daft. "My parents say I've been kicking a ball since I was one year old, so I should be good at it by now!" he jokes.

Spurs were Glenn's team as a youngster and he first went to White Hart Lane aged 11 for training. One year the invitation from Spurs didn't arrive and soon after Martin Chivers saw Hoddle playing in a local Cup Final. He went back to the then manager Bill Nicholson and told him "this kid must be signed immediately".

When Glenn left school, he became a Spurs apprentice and just over a year later he was making his first team debut at Stoke, where he scored. That was in February, 1976, two months before he signed professional forms.

FILM FAN

WHY 'Glenn'? His mother was a fan of the late American bandleader and named her son after seeing the film *The Glenn Miller Story*.



'EXCEPTIONAL SKILL' — ARDILES

OSVALDO Ardiles, acclaimed as one of the best midfielders of the 1978 World Cup Finals, is quick to praise his team-mate.

"Glenn has exceptional skill. I was delighted to see him play so well against Bulgaria. I believe he can go on to become an internationally recognised star."

"He is very confident and I like the way he can pass accurately with either foot. Glenn's temperament is good, too, and he won't let all his success go to his head."

player everyone's talking about...

Wembley is a big enough place but it seemed ever so small at that moment.

"The lads at Tottenham keep ribbing me about these goals on television. They always say if the cameras aren't there 'Hod won't bother scoring today'."

Hodde, a most unassuming person, recognises that he might well have to step down for England's next match against the Republic of Ireland on February 6th.

"I am still only a one cap player and I know I will have to come down to earth pretty quickly after this.

"I would love to be involved in England's matches in the European Championship in Italy, but I know I'm still only in the early part of my career," he says philosophically.

Hodde acknowledges too that up until this season he'd been a butt of the critics because of his tendency to drift out of a game.

"Yes I know that people used to say that and I think I knew in my own mind what I should be doing but the body didn't always respond. Now I've added a lot of defence to my game, and it just so happens I seem to have hit a purple patch in the way of goalscoring this season as well. I think that England goal was my 11th of the season which isn't bad this early on."

Hodde also recognises that he's benefited from the improved all-round form of Spurs.

"Last season everybody talked about Ardiles and perhaps we were too much a bunch of individuals. This time we're playing much more as a team and that has helped my own game considerably," he says.

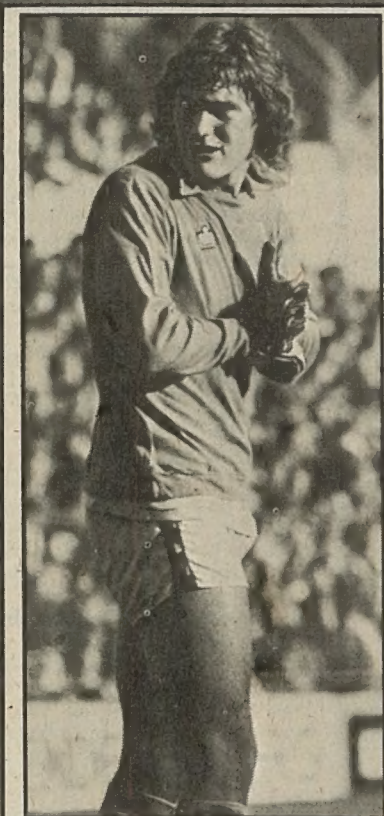
NEARLY LEFT ENGLAND

HODDE'S contract with Spurs ended last summer and he came within a whisker of joining the over-increasing list of players Europe-bound. "Two West German clubs were very keen on me," he says. "I was as near as could be to leaving England.

"I felt the change would do me good, as I'd had ten years at Spurs. The prospect of playing in the Bundesliga was a challenge I looked forward to.

"More than anything, I wanted a full England cap. Had I moved, my chances would have been less. I wasn't known like, say, Kevin Keegan, who Ron Greenwood doesn't need to watch regularly. I doubt if he would have gone to Germany too often to see me.

"I decided to stay and I signed a new two-year contract. I have no regrets. Maybe I'll end up abroad, but right now I couldn't be happier."



STAR 'KEEPER

LAST season Glenn played up-front for a while; this season he's reverted to his midfield role. Except for one game... when he played in goal. It was against Leeds United at Elland Road when Barry Daines was injured.

"It was either Ricky Villa or myself," says Hoddle. "Ricky didn't appear too keen, so I took the initiative. My attitude was that I could only do my best, so I may as well enjoy it. Funnily enough, in a five-a-side game in practice the day before we were a goalie short and I stood in."

Spurs won 2-1 at Elland Road and Hoddle can claim the distinction of having a 100 per cent record as far as his goalkeeping career with Spurs is concerned.



PUSH, PLEASE

GLENN had a shock awaiting him when he told his wife, Anne, of his England call-up. She was, naturally, delighted, but had an urgent problem. "My car won't start. Start pushing please..." she told her bewildered husband.

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WHERE are the Bob Paisleys and Ron Greenwoods of the future? Have we amongst the ranks of today's young managers men capable of emulating the achievements at club level of our Liverpool manager and England's current boss who has taken our national side into the Final stages of the European Championship?

It's vital for the future of our game we develop successors to the two men most dominant in their roles.

And I'm pleased to report that in my view we now have a tremendous depth of talent in the managerial area. In fact, not only to supply the needs of our own League but to scatter around the world to spread the gospel of British soccer.

Apart from Bobby Robson, Lawrie McMenemy and Ron Atkinson, we possess a truly promising collection of younger managers just breaking through into the big time, as well as bosses in the lower Divisions who have only recently ended their playing careers.

It's an amazing coincidence that all three of the clubs promoted into the First Division at the end of last season are managed by young men enjoying their first experience of top management.

Alan Durban of Stoke, Alan Mulhery of Brighton and Terry Venables of Crystal Palace.

All three have the advantage of being successful players who served under great managers and learnt from them.

Problems

They came into their new jobs knowing the problems they were likely to face and with ways of solving them.

In my long career at Anfield I've been fortunate enough to observe the methods of Bill Shankly and Bob Paisley, and whatever I achieve as a manager will have been influenced by them. Although, of course, I don't plan to be a carbon copy of either, nor a combination of them, for I plan to contribute my own ideas.

It's important everyone goes into management convinced he has something new to offer.

At one time I rejected the thought of staying in the game when the time came to hand in my kit, but since signing a three year contract with Liverpool I've changed my mind and look forward to continuing as a manager.

What swayed me was the realisation that I would be suddenly cutting myself off from what had been my way of life since leaving school at Skegness. It would be like coming off a strong drug, and the withdrawal symptoms would be agonising.

But I'll go into the job with no illusions. It has more ups and downs than a roller coaster — just study the trials and tribulations of Nottingham Forest's Brian Clough. And he's a man with a definite touch of genius.

From observation, I can see there are certain essential qualities a manager must possess in order to make a success of the job.



Firstly, the ability to maintain harmony within a squad of 15 or more players, the number necessary to compete in the First Division. Only 11 of them can be picked for each game, and the remainder can become restive and start banging on the door if they are not handled properly.

Man-management is an art and many a potentially great team has failed to gell simply because the boss was unable to assess every player's character and discover how to motivate him, develop his talent and blend him with his team-mates.

Some players respond to bullying, when others need very considerate, careful handling. It's all down to temperament.

Dealing with the Press is another important aspect of being a boss. An unguarded word can have terrible repercussions and ruin months, even years, of hard work.

Fans also need a lot of consideration — after all they're the paying customers without whom no club can exist — and a good relationship with them can be a great help.

Directors, too, can take up much of a manager's time — especially those who feel entitled to interfere in the buying and selling of players, and picking the team.

It can benefit a manager to have the assistance of a general manager, such as Graham Taylor has at Watford with Bertie Mee, to ease his burden by assuming responsibility for the administration work. This leaves him free to devote more time to being with his players, in training and tactical talks.

Although at some clubs, such as Liverpool, the secretary fills the role of a general manager as well as his own. Our Peter Robinson works closely with Bob Paisley.

Bob is always around when we're

Ron Greenwood has taken England into the European Championship Finals.

at Melwood, our training ground, and enjoys wearing a track-suit and joining in six-a-sides.

I'm told that some managers are only seen on Fridays and at team meetings before a match.

This certainly can't be true of the trio of new First Division bosses — Alan Durban, Alan Mullery and Terry Venables, who are all very close to their players.

Alan Durban, a very talented Welsh international, served under Brian Clough and Peter Taylor at Derby County, where he received an excellent grounding in how to build a trophy-winning side.

His first post was with Shrewsbury in the Third Division. Like Alan, I would prefer — as I stated in last week's column — to begin with a

club in the lower regions in order to learn the ropes. Down there, one gets the chance to learn from mistakes, and the experience can be invaluable later at the higher levels.

Although Stoke aren't exactly setting the First Division alight, they are managing to stick around the middle of the table, a position they obviously would like to hold until the end of the season.

Of the three promoted clubs, Alan Mullery's Brighton are the least impressive, and look like dropping back down again into the Second.

To be honest, I'm ambivalent about Alan Mullery. I admire his achievement in taking Brighton into the First Division for the only time in the club's history, and I rated him highly as a player with Spurs and

tant Bobby Gould, a full-hearted, gutsy player in his day who never seemed to show interest in the finer points of the game.

However, the unlikely partnership often produce tremendous results, and Bobby's selection by a shrewd soccer judge such as Geoff suggests he has the right complementary qualities.

Former Leeds United team-mates Allan Clarke and Billy Bremner are proving themselves at Barnsley and Doncaster respectively, and Howard Kendall is sorting things out at Blackburn Rovers.

Each is a man who made his mark as a player. Not necessarily a sign they'll establish themselves in their new career, though. Witness Frank McLintock, Arsenal's double-winning captain of 1971, who tried the Leicester City hot seat for size — and Bobby Charlton, probably still the most widely-known British player in the world, who had an unsuccessful spell as Preston boss.

I was sorry to see Doug Collins was sacked recently from Rochdale, after almost miraculously saving them from re-election last season.

This highlights something that's always annoyed me. A manager, unless the circumstances are really

'Alan Durban learned the ropes at Shrewsbury'

exceptional, should be allowed to run the course of his contract. Often he'll have a bad spell before his plans start to mature.

Sometimes his replacement will step in and benefit from his groundwork.

But I suppose I shouldn't harp too strongly on this particular aspect. One day I might be the lucky newcomer to inherit a struggling club about to turn the corner and go up in the soccer world!

Now for a few words about Liverpool's League match this Saturday (December 15). And it's against Terry Venables' Palace, at Anfield.

The last time we played them was in the Third Round of the F.A. Cup a few years back, when they were managed by Malcolm Allison, and they almost knocked us out.

In the tie at Anfield they deserved to beat us. But we had the Cup luck, and won the replay 3-1 at Selhurst Park after they had taken the lead.

The present side is very well balanced, with a blend of young and older players. I'd especially like to mention Mike Flanagan, a lad of considerable ability, who so far has not had the recognition he deserves North of London.

I hope that after the game I get to talk with Terry Venables — but not about the serious side of the game. For that will only happen if we lose.

I enjoy listening to his funny stories!

Ray Clemence

'NO SHORTAGE OF TOP MANAGERIAL TALENT'

Terry Venables in training with Palace youngsters Vince Hilaire and Kenny Sansom.



England, but I deplore his tendency to criticise his players in public.

It's one thing to tear into a team in the dressing-room when they're played badly — it happens with Liverpool I can assure you — but to do it outside can be very harmful, especially to morale.

I stress this is only my personal view. When I'm a manager, if anyone will have me, I shall keep things in the family, and not have a go at my players in print, or on radio or TV.

For me, Palace's Terry Venables stands out as a brilliant coach and motivator of his players. Those on England duty have often told me of how he's always coming up with exciting new ideas.

He must be a candidate for the England managership when Ron Greenwood eventually departs. Apart from his feats at Palace, he's already taken the England Under-21 side into the Quarter-Finals of the European Under-21 Championship.

The possible great managers of tomorrow aren't confined to the First. There are several I'd select from below — such as my former team-mate John Toshack, who has taken Swansea from the Fourth to the Second in successive seasons.

Then there's Geoff Hurst, now reorganising Chelsea after a spell with non-League Telford where he did just about everything, including helping to paint the stand. I was surprised he brought in as his assis-

'Terry Venables could be Ron Greenwood's successor'

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DEMON DRIVER

SCOTLAND are in grave danger of becoming a third-rate side only 19 months after threatening to rule the world and lift soccer's most precious prize in Argentina.

That's what makes the European Championship match against Belgium at Hampden on Wednesday (December 19) so absolutely vital although, of course, Scotland will not be going to Italy for the Finals next June.

The Scots are lost in a maze of mistakes at the moment and Jock Stein must get them on the right path immediately. He has been loyal to some players who have just not produced the goods in a Scottish jersey.

Joe Jordan, John Wark, Alan Hansen, Asa Hartford and Graeme Souness were fiercely criticised for their performances against Belgium in Brussels last month when Scotland flopped to a 2-0 defeat and only managed two shots on target all night.

Stein, though, points out: "There is no point in saying this player will be axed and this one will be rested. We haven't really got all that many from which to choose."

"I will be having a careful think. A couple of young players will appear in the game at Hampden, but it is important to have our strongest team."

Naturally, Stein was not happy with the display or the result in Brussels. "I was disappointed," he says. "I feel the players did enough individually, but failed collectively. We conceded goals at bad times and I expected a great deal more."

So, too, did the Scottish fans who travelled to Brussels and also the supporters who had to stay at home and watch the game live on television. It was a sad performance, 90 minutes of misery as Scotland bumbled and fumbled to defeat.

The fans — famous throughout



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STEIN'S DILEMMA

Changes are necessary, but few players to choose from

the world for their loyalty and sometimes over-enthusiastic following of the international side — may not be so tempted to turn out in large numbers for Wednesday's Hampden game which is, after all, meaningless as far as they are concerned.

It's going to be a high powered friendly with little incentive for the Scots as far as a place in Rome is concerned, but there is huge pressure on the players to provide the goods after all the disappointments since Argentina.

Stein is being urged to wield the chopper and axe the players who

continually disappoint in a Scottish jersey. Kenny Dalglish will certainly escape because Stein says: "He was given a terrific battering from the Belgian defence and some of the things just shouldn't have been allowed."

Dalglish lacked support and must have wondered if his colleagues expected him to do it all on his own.

"The midfield were a disappointment," says the Scottish manager, who must be thinking seriously about changes in this key part of his team. "And I was particularly disappointed with the attack. They are the people who set the standards and tell the opposition what's what."

Stein will also be looking carefully at the goalkeeper's position although he is swift to say: "There was a lot of pressure on Alan Rough in Belgium and he

came through unscathed. I was happy about that."

However, Stein had to have Aberdeen's veteran Bobby Clark sitting on the bench in case Rough was injured and that is hardly a forward-thinking move. It's possible that St. Mirren's Billy Thomson, so impressive in the Under-21 side, will get his chance soon.

Celtic's exciting Davie Provan may get a role on the right-wing and Ipswich's eager attacker Alan Brazil — another Under-21 stand-out — may be brought into the top squad.

Another Celt, Roy Aitken, could also be restored to the Scottish pool and given the opportunity to bring some life to the midfield that has been woeful in the important matches recently.

Scotland missed the inspiration of Archie Gemmill in Brussels and, if he is fully recovered from injury, he, too, could get a call up. Andy Gray is in a similar position.

One thing is abundantly clear, though... the rot must stop soon at international level before it is too late. The brakes must be put on against Belgium at Hampden.

Belgium's Julien Cools tackles Iain Munro (dark shirt) in the recent international in Brussels.





LIVERPOOL CHIEF REBUKES GREENWOOD

EVEN though Liverpool have won just about everything worth winning under Bob Paisley, The Reds' manager still doesn't believe his players are given the credit and recognition they deserve.

Bob was peeved when, after the England-Bulgaria game, Ron Greenwood praised some players, but not Ray Clemence, Phil Thompson or Ray Kennedy.

"If my players aren't used properly by others, that isn't our fault," he said, taking more of a swipe at Scotland than England, who haven't always got the best out of Alan Hansen, Graeme Souness or Kenny Dalglish.

Well, Mr Paisley, I'll tell you why Ron Greenwood didn't mention your lads. First, no journalist at the Press conference asked. Second, Clemence had so little to do against the defence-minded Bulgarians, even Ray, himself, would be pushed to comment on his display. Phil Thompson was pressurised so seldom he must have had the easiest game of his international career; while Ray Kennedy, making an England comeback, had a relatively poor game, making uncharacteristic errors.

Liverpool are still the yardstick for everyone else. Their strength is their teamwork, not individual brilliance. The teams whose players were singled out by Greenwood don't have the record of success Liverpool do... because as a team they're simply not up to the Anfield standards.

ANFIELD PLANS

FEWER fans will be able to watch Liverpool at Anfield next season. Plans are going ahead to install 2,300 seats in the paddock area in the front of the main stand. This will reduce the capacity of Anfield to 50,000, but the extra seats will produce more revenue.

The Champions have more plans for their stadium and they hope permission to rebuild the Kemlyn Road stand will come through soon. Goodison Park has around 25,000 seats; the two Manchester clubs the same, while Anfield has only 15,000.

Liverpool report that every fortnight they send back £25,000 to people for seats they can't offer them. They also have a waiting list of 15,000 for season tickets.

PAUL BRADSHAW, the flying winger Sheffield Wednesday bought from Burnley for £25,000, who was cruelly forced from the game through injury last season has not turned his back on football.

Instead the likeable 25-year-old player has embarked upon an exciting new venture — to provide Pro-Soccer Coaching for young football enthusiasts.

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● Kevin Mabbutt has opened a soccer clinic for young players. For more information write to Kevin Mabbutt, P.O. Box 54, BS99 7PA, Bristol.

BARKING'S sensational victory over Oxford United in this season's F.A. Cup First Round was the first time they had beaten a League club in their 99-year history.

● WEST HAM want Manchester United to provide the opposition for Bobby Ferguson's testimonial at Upton Park later this season.



Sunderland break-up

THE squad which took Sunderland so close to the First Division last season is slowly breaking up.

Wif Rostron, Wayne Entwistle, Jack Ashurst and Micky Henderson have already been sold for around half a million pounds. And that may not be the end of the big sell at Roker Park.

Despite a string of outstanding appearances, full-back Tim Gilbert is again in the cold following the return to fitness of Joe Bolton (above) — and that's alerted several First Division clubs. Aston Villa and Ipswich would lead the chase.

Goalkeeper Barry Siddall, out in the cold because of the form of £100,000 buy Chris Turner, is also interesting Ipswich while Nottingham Forest and Middlesbrough are checking on Gary Rowell, who has not been able to re-discover the form which brought him 22 goals last season.

Wolves revolt threat

WOLVES could have a revolt on their hands — because of their pitch.

In the summer the playing area was moved into the middle of Molineux to make it easier for the fans in the new stand to see the matches.

Unfortunately, the players themselves are not very happy about the situation

because they claim they are all at sea and the strange surroundings is upsetting their play.

Now club officials are seriously considering moving the pitch back to its original site.

Wolves drew four of their first eight League games at Molineux.

FASHANU II

BUSTLING Norwich striker Justin Fashanu has made the top grade at 18 and could become the next black player to blast his way into the England side.

Now, Norwich reckon they have unearthed another black diamond in his 15-year-old brother John, who has already made an exciting impact in the club's South East Counties side.

Says assistant manager Ken Brown: "John is still a bit raw. But he has the same strength and aggression that Justin first showed when he joined us."

● Justin — the second Robinson's Barley Water 'Young Player of the Month' — was presented his award, an inscribed salver, by England team manager Ron Greenwood. He also received the sum of £250 to donate to his nominated charities — £150 to Dr Barnardo's (as a former Dr Barnardo's boy) and £100 to The Gateway Club of Attleborough.

SPOT THE STAR

THE frog-like pose is typical of one of the best entertainers in the First Division.

Yes, it's that exhibitionist himself — Osvaldo Ardiles. Tottenham's Argentinian star has been captured by photographers balancing delicately on a football. This time we catch him perched on his shoulder.



Hay joins MacLeod

FORMER Celtic and Chelsea star Davie Hay has been appointed assistant manager to Ally MacLeod at Motherwell. He takes over the post left vacant by John Hagart, who quit to take over Falkirk before the start of the season.

Hay, a hero in Scotland's bid to win the World Cup in '74, cost Chelsea £250,000 when they bought him from Celtic, but he left Stamford Bridge in controversial circumstances recently when it looked as though he would be confirmed as Youth coach.

He was told to prove himself by new boss Geoff Hurst. Hay returned to Scotland and watched Motherwell play Raith Rovers in a recent First Division match. He says: "I was offered the job by Ally after that match. It is the kind of challenge I am looking forward to."

GIANT FAIR!

A must for collectors of all ages is the giant New Year programme fair. This is the annual extravaganza that includes a fascinating exhibition of relics such as England caps, League Championship medals, shirts from famous players and attracts visitors from all over the country and even some from overseas.

The Fair will be held on Sunday, 6th January at The Ivanhoe Hotel, Bloomsbury Street, London W.C.1. (close to Tottenham Court Road Underground).

The show is on from 10.30 am to 4.00 pm and admission (by programme on the door) is just 40p adults, 30p children.

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BRUNO AIDS JOE'S COMEBACK

JOE JORDAN, Manchester United's Scottish international striker, fought back to fitness by racing his Doberman, Bruno, across the Cheshire hills close to his Prestbury home.

The therapy worked wonders on Joe's injured ankle and he soon returned to United's first team.

England Under-21 star Gordon Cowans is also devoted to dogs — five of them.

Gordon and his father, Villa kit man Walter Cowans, are rearing five greyhound puppies and hope to see them on the race-track some time next year.

Gordon, 21 in October on the day he played his 100th League game for Aston Villa, says: "Dad used to help out a local trainer when we were living in Mansfield. I went along to the meetings and enjoyed watching the dogs racing."

Now the Villa midfielder man is hoping that he can tip a winner or two to his team-mates in 1980. "The pups keep me fit as well," he says. "I walk them round the lanes and take them to a friend's farm where they can run in an empty field."

**"I'm good
enough,"
O'Driscoll**



SEAN O'DRISCOLL never dreamed of a soccer career with a Football League club or about living in London yet a twist of fate has changed his whole life and given him a new career.

He is Fulham's latest addition and he was signed for £12,500 from non-League Alvechurch.

O'Driscoll is now 22-years-old but has only been playing top non-League soccer for the past three seasons. In fact, he spent most of his previous Saturdays working in a supermarket to earn some extra cash.

He had never previously made a visit to London prior to going to Craven Cottage a few days before signing for Fulham.

Commenting upon his move to Fulham, O'Driscoll said: "I think I've got a wonderful chance to make the grade. I just cannot wait to get into the first team."

HOWAY WAYMAN

TEENAGER Paul Wayman is the latest youngster to follow a famous father into the game.

Paul, aged 16, has been signed by Darlington manager Billy Elliott, who rates him a fine prospect.

Paul's father, Charlie, ended his playing days with Darlington in 1958 after scoring more than 250 League goals.

He also played for Newcastle, Southampton, Preston and Middlesbrough.

Derby check on Archibald

DERBY are the latest English club to take an interest in the goalscoring exploits of Aberdeen's Steve Archibald, one of the hottest pieces of property in Scotland at the moment. Liverpool, Arsenal and West Brom have also watched the former Clyde player this season.

Manager Alex Ferguson has no intention of allowing Archibald to leave. He wasn't happy, either, when skipper Willie Miller announced that he was set to quit the club. Miller, 24, a full international player, apparently is not too happy with the new terms offered to him by the Pittodrie club and would now like to take his defensive talents to England. The Dons will do everything to prevent that from happening.



JASPER'S DREAM COMES TRUE

PETER Taylor, Nottingham Forest's assistant-manager, influenced Jasper Carrott, to become a new director of Birmingham City.

Taylor is a big fan of Carrott's and it was a few months ago that he suggested to the comedian that he should become a director of his favourite club, Birmingham City.

The Nottingham Forest official thought that Carrott has a great deal to offer to the game and will give a fresh slant on policy making at St. Andrew's.

Carrott, who hardly ever misses a Birmingham City home match, is very concerned about public relations and is keen to foster as much good spirit as possible.

He said: "It's a dream come true for me to join the Birmingham City board. I've been a Birmingham nut all my life."



FERGUSON AND WALLACE — O.K.

MICK FERGUSON (above), Coventry's four-goal hero against Ipswich, was out of favour and struggling to score goals when he was drafted back into the first team. He made an immediate impact.

It was hardly a coincidence that the big striker should hit such form because it was the first time this season that he had linked up with Ian Wallace.

He said: "When I played in the first team at the start of the season Ian was injured. When I was dropped Ian was recalled so we kept missing each other in the first team."

"But since my return everything appears to have clicked back into place. Goalscoring is all a matter of luck and being in the right place at the right time. Obviously, it helps playing with a player who suits your own style of play."

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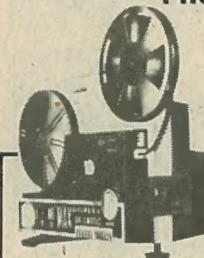
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MONTROSE

DENNIS D'ARCY

STRENGTH with skill, talent with tenacity ... that's the best way to describe Montrose's 6ft centre-back and captain Dennis D'Arcy. He rarely gets the headlines, but his worth to the Links Park team is invaluable. He has picked up the nickname 'The Incredible Hulk' because of his mammoth build and size, but D'Arcy's power doesn't overshadow his

considerable ability. The Montrose centre back is one of the most consistent defenders in Scotland and rarely puts a foot wrong. He just gets on with the game, giving his all for the club. Dennis joined Montrose from junior club Banks O'Dee nine years ago. His brother, Brian, also plays for the club at right back, and together they form a fearsome duo.



GRIMSBY TOWN

JOE WATERS

THE name Joe Waters has not been in the limelight much since he burst on to the scene as a teenager with Leicester in 1973. On his debut he scored both goals against Q.P.R. in the F.A. Cup Quarter-Finals, and a rosy future for the young Irish striker was predicted. But Waters never really fulfilled that early promise at Filbert Street, and played only 13 League games for them before joining Grimsby in 1976. The move has certainly done wonders for Joe Waters and Grimsby, and his transformation to a midfield player has helped the club back into Division Three this season. In 1977 Joe was called up by the Republic of Ireland for the game against Turkey, and although others have been enjoying the glory of Grimsby's fine League Cup run this season, manager George Kerr appreciates his true value to the team. Ever present last season, he was also voted into the P.F.A. Fourth Division Team

HAILFAX TOWN

**DAVID
EVANS**

AFTER making their third application for re-election last season, it was apparent that Halifax were in desperate need of a top quality defender. So when David Evans was released by Aston Villa in July, Halifax boss George Kirby had no hesitation in bringing him to the Shay Ground. Although short of League experience, full-back David had nevertheless spent his entire career with the First Division club and was sure to prove a useful asset to struggling Halifax. Made his League debut in September, 1978, against Everton as a replacement for the injured John Gidman, but played only once more last season. David's arrival at Halifax, however, has clearly had the desired effect, and for the first time for many seasons Halifax are handsomely placed in the top half of the Fourth Division.



MILWALL NICKY CHATTERTON

JOINED Millwall from South London neighbours Crystal Palace in November, 1978, yet despite his experience in mid-field, Nicky was unable to prevent The Lions from dropping into Division Three last season. Although centre-back Barry Kitchener remains club captain, his injury problems this season persuaded manager George Petchey to promote Nicky to team captain, a move which paid rich dividends. The vein of young talent at The Den have

learnt well under Chatterton, and Millwall are looking set for a quick return to the Second Division after a fine start to the season. Nicky gained schoolboy honours with South London Boys and London Youth before joining Crystal Palace, for whom he played 151 League games. In that time, he helped Palace to promotion from the Third Division, a feat Petchey and Millwall fans alike hope he can repeat for their side.

MIDDLESBROUGH

TONY MCANDREW

APPOINTED

Middlesbrough captain following Stuart Boam's departure to Newcastle at the start of the season. Glasgow-born defender Tony formed a fine centre-back partnership with Boam, and now fills the factor's role in an equally successful duo with former striker Billy Ashcroft. A former Scottish Youth international, Tony went to Ayresome Park from school in July, 1971, making his first team debut in November, 1973. Originally played in midfield, but took over at the back when Willie Maddren was forced to retire through injury. Rarely approaching the 15th League game for the club, and has been one of the inspirations behind Middlesbrough's fine form this season.



HAMILTON

BOBBY GRAHAM

HAMILTON midfielder Bobby Graham, still plays with the same determined enthusiasm today as he did when he started his career with Liverpool. Graham, a bargain £20,000 buy from Motherwell two years ago, is a fitness fanatic and should be good for at least 20 goals this season. He is an experienced campaigner the other players look to when the going gets tough. Bobby, of course, has been around a while. He started his career at

Anfield alongside such great players as Ian St. John, Roger Hunt, Ron Yeats etc, but he failed to find a settled first team place there and moved on to Coventry City. He eventually came back to Scotland six years ago when Motherwell signed him. He teamed up with Willie Pettigrew and their double-act was rated as one of the best in Britain. Now both have left Motherwell... and the Fir Park club's loss is undoubtedly Hamilton's gain.

HARTLEPOOL UNITED



BILLY AYRE

AFTER ten successive years in Division Four, fans of Hartlepool may feel entitled to a break from football in the lower reaches of the League. Promotion once again looks out of the question for the Cleveland-based club this season, but one man who will not concede defeat until it is a mathematical impossibility is captain Billy Ayre. Born in Crookhills, the Hartlepool centre-half started his career with non-League Scarborough, and arrived at the Victoria Ground at the start of the 1977-78 season. An ever-present that season, he also topped the club's scoring charts with 12 goals. Promoted to the captaincy last season, he missed only four games, and earlier this season reached the landmark of 100 League games for the club. Hartlepool possess the unenviable record of nine successful applications for re-election, but with Billy Ayre in control, it would be a brave man who predicts them reaching double figures this season.



MEADOWBANK

MARK LEETION

MEADOWBANK are not the most fashionable club in British soccer, but the Edinburgh part-timers are determined to make the big-time one day. Typical of their go-ahead attitude is captain Mark Leetion, only 23 but already an outstanding leader of the Thistle team. Mark was born in Edinburgh, and had trials with West Bromwich Albion before returning to his native Scotland. While younger brother Paul was rapidly making a name for himself as a goalscorer at Falkirk,

midfield player Mark was forced to bide his time with junior club Newton Grange Star. He was eventually signed by Meadowbank, continually looking for class players in their bid to escape from the foot of the Scottish Second Division, and ironically he made his League debut against Falkirk, and brother Paul, in April, 1978. When he is not playing or training with his Meadowbank team-mates, Mark is employed by the vehicle licensing department in Edinburgh.

CCHESTERFIELD'S new captain, Bill Green, spent four years with Hartlepool, three with Carlisle, two with West Ham and one with Peterborough. "On that basis I shouldn't last the season here," he says.

Nothing, of course, could be further from the truth. Green is happily installed as club and team captain and his side are proving a real threat to the rest of the Third Division. Chesterfield dropped out of the Second Division in 1951 and getting the club back there is a very tempting challenge to a well balanced squad.

At 6 feet 3 inches, Green is one of the tallest players in the



IT'S ALL GO FOR GREEN

Football League. His manager, Arthur Cox, paid £40,000 to Peterborough in the close season to get him.

Cox knew exactly what a good professional he was buying. "I watched the first three years of Bill's career very closely," Cox said. "I was keen to take him to Sunderland when Dave Watson left... but it wasn't to be.

"I've always been interested in him. He worked very hard to make himself a player. He's not one of those who's naturally gifted. That gentleman upstairs hadn't made Bill a football player... he had to work hard to make himself one. He will be the first to tell you how much he appreciates the part played by people such as Carlisle coach Dick Young in his development. He's still the same hard worker and a great example within the club."

Bill Green's dominance on the field these days is matched only by the determined edge to his conversation off the field, especially when he talks about his new club. "No one can rule us out of the promotion race this season... there's a lot of people who will rightly say that we ought to be top by now.

"Quite a few points have escaped our grasp when we should have got something. There have been a number of games where, for one reason or another, we let a point slip. Add those up and you can see why people are backing us this season."

Green captained Carlisle when they gained promotion to the First Division and is well qualified to interpret the signs around him. His team have beaten some of the Third Division promotion favourites and surprised a few people with their performance in the League Cup against mighty Liverpool. They chased and tackled and earned a standing ovation at the end despite a 3-1 defeat at Anfield.

"We are getting results now away from home," Green went on, "that we weren't getting at the start of the season. We are not like some teams who defend with nine men. We take the game to our opponents and are creating the chances to win the games.

"In some quarters they refer to

Chesterfield as 'the land of the giants' as most of the team are six feet tall, but we have got a lot of skill in the side and a couple of smaller players on either flank — Alan Birch and Alan Crawford.

"Geoff Salmons has got a wealth of experience and is playing really well this season. I think he's even surprised himself! Les Hunter has certainly impressed me and he is still only about 21. I didn't know a lot about him before I came here but, apart from missing some games through a knock on a knee, he has been having a great time too.

"I've had one or two bad periods in the game but joining Chesterfield has given me a lift and I am enjoying the challenge. Arthur Cox spent a lot of money in the close season and the board wouldn't have let him do that if they weren't ambitious and really intent on 'having a go' this season.

Confident

"It's not just a question of Sheffield United and Sheffield Wednesday being the ones to beat. Swindon won't be far away and, in my opinion, it's a matter of any three from eight or nine teams. We feel pretty confident. It's a team game and at the start of the season our forwards carried us. If you look at the League table you will see we are up among the high scoring teams and now the defence is also playing well.

"In a way the crowd got spoilt at the beginning when we were hitting teams with plenty of goals. They need to be patient with us. It's sometimes hard to break down teams playing nine men back, and the fans should bear with us.

"I'm not knocking the supporters... they are great, nearly 4,000 went with us to Liverpool and made it a really marvellous occasion. No, I believe we are working on the right lines and with encouragement can only progress.

"Football is all about doing the good things you know individually and collectively and sticking at them. It's a matter of believing in the principles that have got you where you are and trying to improve upon them. We believe in the way we are playing and will keep at it."

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Gills' internationals

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ALAN DOWSE,
CHATHAM.

● He is, too, Alan. First, there was Fred Fox — who played for England against France, in Paris, in 1925.

The other, nearly half a century later, was Damien Richardson — who played for Eire v. Norway, in Oslo, in 1973.

Grand Slam

Has any club ever won every trophy for which they competed in a single season?

D. EDWARDS,
MALVERN.

● Well, Celtic's record in 1966-67 was the most successful season in British top-club history when they won the lot.

They claimed the Scottish League, Scottish Cup, Scottish League Cup, and Glasgow Cup — not to mention being the first British club to win the European Cup.

Watford/Chelsea

I've got a programme for the Watford v. Chelsea F.A. Cup Semi-Final on Tottenham's ground on 14th March, 1970, and would like to know the score — and how the winners got on in the Final?

STEPHEN BUTCHER,
CAMBRIDGE.

● Watford were outplayed 5-1. Stephen, Webb, Osgood, Houseman (two), and Hutchinson scored for Chelsea — Garbett replying for the plucky losers.

Chelsea then went on to beat Leeds 2-1 in a replayed Final at Old Trafford, after the teams had finished all-square at 2-2 at Wembley.

First Division k.o.'s

Is it true that, when Manchester United won the F.A. Cup in 1948, they had to knock-out six First Division clubs? If so, which?

PAUL BEDFORD,
CHICHESTER.

● Quite true, Paul. United kicked off with a ten goal thriller in which they beat Aston Villa 6-4 away.

After that, their victims were Liverpool (3-0), Charlton (2-0), Preston (4-1), and Derby (3-1) — finishing up with a 4-2 Wembley win over Blackpool.

What's more — because, due to bomb devastation at Old Trafford, United then shared Maine Road with their Manchester neighbours — the "home" wins over Liverpool and Charlton both had to be played on neutral territory as City were simultaneously drawn at home, and naturally had first call on their own ground.

Sunday games

Please prove my Mum and Dad wrong when they say there have never been any Football League games played on a Sunday?

KEVIN LONG,
WORTHING.

● I can indeed, Kevin. It happened towards the end of the last Conservative government in early 1974, when flood-lighting was banned because of a miner's strike and general fuel crisis.

Because of the necessity of very early no-lights kick-offs, clubs were given the option of playing on either Saturday or Sunday — and a number took advantage of the latter (with bumper gates) on four or five Sundays from 20th January onwards.

Earlier, four F.A. Cup-ties had been played on Sunday, 6th January, of that year.

Stan Matthews

I'd like to know how old Stan Matthews was when he played his first, and last, full international for England?

EUGENE KIRN,
TEDDINGTON.

● He first played for England, against Wales, in a 4-0 British Championship win in Cardiff on 29th September, 1934. Eugene, at the age of 19.

Matthews' 54th and last peacetime appearance — though he'd also played in many unofficial Wartime internationals — was in a 4-1 World Cup win over Denmark in Copenhagen on 15th May, 1957... at the age of 42.

Forest Woods

As an exiled fan of Queens Park Rangers, I'd like to settle an argument as to where goalkeeper Chris Woods came from?

MRS. S. SMITH,
AUSTRALIA.

● Nottingham Forest it was — where, before his move to Q.P.R. in July, he had the unenviable job of being deputy to Peter Shilton.

Woods cost £250,000 — which sounds a lot for a player then without a single League appearance to his name.

But, despite inevitably being in the shadow of a big star like Shilton, he'd always shown tremendous promise.

When Shilton was ineligible for the 1978 League Cup Final, Chris earned rave notices for his cool skill in keeping Liverpool at bay, and playing a substantial part in ensuring the trophy went to Nottingham instead.

Successive defeats

Which Football League club has suffered the most successive defeats?

SHALID ATCHA,
LONDON, W.3

● As far as I can make out, Shalid, I reckon Rochdale must hold that dubious "honour".

In the 1931-32 season, in the Old Third Division (North), they lost no less than 17 League games on the trot.

On 7th November, 1931, Rochdale beat New Brighton 3-2. They then failed to gain another League point until drawing 1-1 with the same opponents on 9th March, 1932.

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1

A player collides heavily with a team-mate, but in retaliation he strikes an opponent by mistake. After sending him off should you restart the game with: (a) a direct free-kick, (b) an indirect free-kick or (c) a drop ball?

2

A corner-kick is about to be taken when you see another attacker has left the pitch. What should you do: (A) award an indirect free-kick after the corner has been taken or (b) delay the kick and ensure the player is on the pitch?

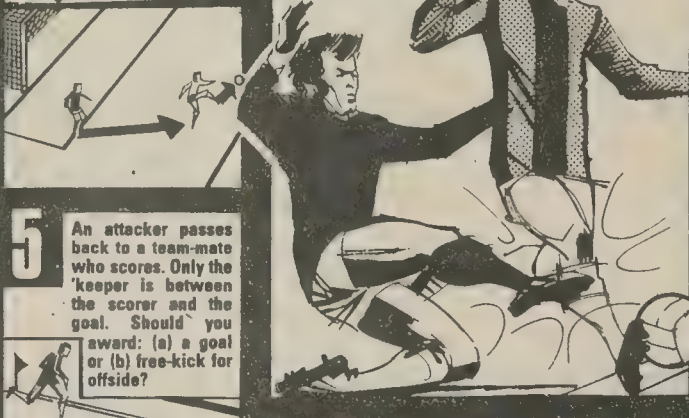


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A defender plays a goal-kick before it leaves the penalty area. Should you award: (a) a free-kick to the opponents, or (b) retake the goal-kick?

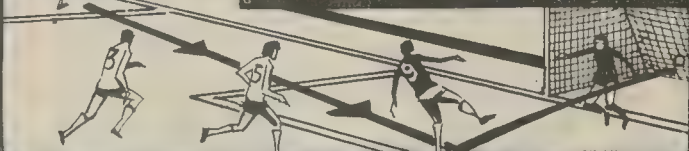
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A defender kicks an opponent who has one foot on the penalty-area boundary line. Should you award: (a) a penalty, (b) a direct free-kick or (c) an indirect free-kick?



5

An attacker passes back to a team-mate who scores. Only the 'keeper is between the scorer and the goal. Should you award: (a) a goal or (b) free-kick for offside?



ANSWERS

1. A direct free-kick (a). 2. Delay the kick to ensure the player is on the pitch (b). 3. Retake the goal-kick (b). 4. A penalty (a). It was interesting recently when I awarded an indirect free-kick against Phil Parkes, the West Ham goalkeeper. Denis Law made comments in the Press about referees being unable to see bad tackling. What I would like to see is a direct free-kick or penalty for dangerous play, so on that score I might well, for the first time, agree with Denis. 5. A goal (a).

"I came close to scoring against Bulgaria."



'WHY WE DON'T EUROPE'S

WE may not have qualified for the Finals of the European Championship in the most dramatic of ways, but the England lads were all very happy when it was 100 per cent certain we'd be in Italy next June.

It became official when the Republic lost to Northern Ireland 1-0 in Belfast, but, really, it was obvious months before that England would qualify.

I was sorry our game against Bulgaria was so lethargic in many ways. I'm sure had the tie been played on the Wednesday instead of the Thursday things would have been different.

I felt disappointed for the fans who turned up at foggy Wembley. To my amazement, over 70,000 were there the following night; I'd expected around 45,000. It says much for their loyalty and the closeness that now exists between the side and the supporters that so many were at Wembley for the second time in two days.

The England party left our Hertfordshire hotel at 5.50pm. We had to, fog or no fog, as the hotel was full and our booking had run out! We knew then that the match was in danger, although when we arrived at Wembley at 6.40, visibility was okay in the car park.

Different

When we were inside the stadium it was different. I walked out of the tunnel and could barely pick out the nearest goal. We may have been able to have played, but nobody could have seen it! I went to the terraces and could see very little.

Really, there was no way the game could have gone ahead. The people I have the most sympathy for were the fans. Apparently the game wasn't called off until around 7.25, by which time feelings were running high outside.

Two guys had a right go at Mick Mills and I. "It's all right for you, you can afford it. We've travelled

FEAR BEST'

**Ray
Wilkins**
WRITES
FOR YOU



300 miles and it's cost us a lot of money," one said. I could understand his frustration, even if he seemed to be blaming me, personally, for the weather.

One can accommodate most problems, but not the weather. There isn't an answer to the fans, except to say how much we appreciated their backing the following night.

It wasn't easy to build-up for the game a second time. You gear yourself to playing at a certain time and while you're always keyed up when you represent England, playing at Wembley on a Thursday night seemed unreal.

"Kevin Keegan gives the thumbs-down — it was too foggy to play."

Bulgaria didn't help. They were terrible in Sofia and even worse at Wembley. Having gone one down early on, they were quite content to play for the defeat and were happy to lose 2-0. There was nothing on the match for them, so I was disappointed they didn't show more enterprise.

Just about the only Bulgarian who stood out was their little number seven, who I believe came on as sub against us in Sofia and looked useful. Bulgaria didn't make a game of it, though. Mind you, if they had have opened up, we'd have pulver-

ised them.

England had quite a few chances early on. Dave Watson blasted one over the top, while Glenn Hoddle was narrowly wide.

Still, the pair combined for our first goal when Glenn's chip was nodded in by Dave. I felt the Bulgarian goalkeeper might have got to the ball — I also thought Kevin Reeves, who was following through on Dave's header, might have made sure by helping the ball home. Perhaps he should have; I mentioned this to him, but Kevin is such a nice feller he probably didn't want to claim the goal from Dave.

It was, of course, Glenn's performance that we shall remember from the match. I just hope people don't unfairly expect such a fine performance from him the next time . . . and every time.

Glenn oozed class and showed no nerves. I remember when I

on top that the temptation was to have one more touch of the ball before shooting.

I know we've been criticised, at times fairly, but our record of two defeats in 22 games under Ron Greenwood must raise a few eyebrows around Europe. We've beaten Italy and Czechoslovakia, who will also be in the Finals, while our away form 'has, if anything, been more impressive than our home displays.

When teams come at us, we have found the space to exploit them. Sometimes, I wonder what people expect from England.

Two days after the Bulgaria game I was in action for United against Norwich . . . and I was shattered. Liverpool manager Bob Paisley said the international calls always take something out of his players. I'd say it was the travelling more than the actual playing.

Rushed

My wife Jackie drove me back to Manchester and it was all so rushed. For the first ten minutes against Norwich my legs felt heavy. I was better in the second-half, but after 80 minutes I could hardly speak.

Our 5-0 win was the best performance since I joined United. We'd been threatening to take some team apart and it won't be the last time, either.

We've had a few 1-0 wins, but against Norwich we were really sharp and took our chances.

Joe Jordan scored twice, making his comeback total three in two games. I've played against Joe many times, yet I didn't realise just how much he gave to his side with his unselfish running and skill.

I was also pleased to see two younger players fitting in so well: Ashley Grimes and Kevin Moran. Ashley was the emergency left-back and showed his versatility by slotting in with the minimum of fuss. He's an intelligent player and against Alan Taylor — no slouch — didn't leave himself in a one-against-one situation.

Kevin Moran, deputising for Gordon McQueen, scored a great goal and I was delighted with the way he has played in his few games. He's as strong as an ox, even if he lacks a few inches in height, and proved more than adequate cover for Gordon.

This Saturday (December 15th) we're at Coventry, where we hope to keep up our Championship bid. Some folk haven't considered us real title contenders, although they're changing their tune now.

Join me again in our Christmas issue next week.

made my England debut I was a bag of nerves. Before we went out on the pitch, I just said to Glenn: "Be confident."

He was certainly that, taking on players from the word 'go'. The Spurs star was always looking for the ball and his goal made his debut like a kiddies' story.

The other new boy, Kevin Reeves, did well in a quieter way and will be all the better for his first cap.

Too often, chances went begging and we should have won by more than two goals. We were so much



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Two North-East stars with differing fortunes

THE time spent in fighting to regain peak fitness following a knee injury nine months ago has been an uphill struggle for Sunderland's Gary Rowell. But the former Roker top-scorer firmly reckons he will be on the way back once he recaptures his confidence.

"The medial ligaments I damaged are fine now," says Gary. "I have no trouble at all with my knee, and I'm counting on getting a few more games in, and hopefully scoring a goal or two. In fact, putting the ball in the back of the net again will do more than anything else to restore the old faith in myself and convince me I still have the touch."

"Previously, I had never imagined that the road back to full fitness would be so difficult, or

that it could take so long to regain top form. I've never been seriously injured before, and in the first weeks of my return, could hardly believe that I was performing at only half my usual capacity. Also, because of my knee, I paid more attention to small knocks I received than I used to do."

Last spring, Rowell's knee trouble kept him out of the Sunderland line-up during the

crucial run-in to the end of the season, when his presence could have made the difference between success and failure in the promotion race. Now, in 1979-80, he feels that the Wearsiders can overcome their mediocre start, and improve their place in the League table.

"We need to gather the points which can make such a difference to our position. The struggle for promotion is open enough to involve ten or 12 clubs, and we are good enough to be among them."

"Our manager, Ken Knighton, has had his task made more difficult by injury problems, which brought about a change in my own position, and I've played up-front."

"In midfield, Mike Docherty's retirement from football due to injury was a blow to us, and another midfield player, Mike Buckley, has been out for a spell, with Bryan Robson, too, on the sidelines. But we've been reinforced by the arrival of Stan Cummins from Middlesbrough."

"On away grounds, we haven't clicked at all, yet our record last season was very good, and this is something we are trying to come to grips with — picking up points when travelling is tremendously

important."

Although Rowell has been used as a front runner by Sunderland in 1979-80, he prefers a midfield role. But even he was surprised when he started to get goals from this position in 1977-78, finishing up as the club's top scorer with 19 goals.

Says Gary: "I never expected to score so consistently. Our manager then, Jimmy Adamson, told us he wanted the midfield players to push forward more often, moving into the opposing penalty-area."

"Up to that time, I had never been a regular goal-getter, though I had always enjoyed finding the net."

Confesses

While Rowell's injury and efforts at recovery have played a major part in his soccer life in 1979, he confesses that Sunderland's failure to move up into the First Division last April was a shattering blow to him.

"It was the biggest disappointment I've experienced to date, especially with us almost pulling it off. Before that, our unsuccessful battle to stay in the First Division was another set-back we had to accept — this time, I hope we have something to celebrate in April."

And for those fans who wonder what has gone wrong with Sunderland, Gary Rowell's return to his match-winning ways could provide the promise that the Wearsiders are on the up-grade once again.



ARMSTRONG'S AMBITION

DAVID Armstrong's career is on the move again after standing still for the last four years.

The Middlesbrough midfield man made an immediate impact when he broke into the Ayresome Park first team as a teenager and helped them into the First Division.

He quickly picked up four Under-23 caps, but failed to build on that great start. He was an automatic choice for Boro — clocking up well over 300 consecutive games — yet the extra spark that lit up the early days seemed to be missing.

Armstrong looked set to be a players' player, highly respected by his fellow pro's, but destined never to get countrywide recognition... until Ron Greenwood came along.

The England manager, always a shrewd judge of attacking midfield players, picked him for an England side which played Sunderland as part of the Roker Park club's centenary celebrations. Armstrong played brilliantly and, suddenly, was back in the international picture.

Newcastle manager Bill McGarry, who has admired Armstrong's work-rate and cultured left foot for two seasons, said the match proved

that only Liverpool's Ray Kennedy ranked alongside the Middlesbrough player as England's best left-sided midfield player.

If that astonished many fans who regard Armstrong as almost a veteran, the truth is that he's only 24. He simply seems to have been around a long time and his wispy, prematurely balding hair is deceptive.

'Spotlight'

Armstrong relishes the sudden upturn in his soccer life. "It's nice to be in the spotlight," he smiles. "Naturally, I'm pleased for myself and for the club. Middlesbrough aren't one of the most glamorous sides and it's about time we got some attention."

And his dream of an England place? "Who knows, I like to think I did my chances some good with the centenary match at Sunderland."

"I thought I played quite well, although the other players also did well. Most of us had never played together before, but we quickly blended. I think that if you're good enough, you don't find it difficult playing with other good ones."

"Whether anything develops



from that game remains to be seen. But I've always had hopes of winning a cap, although perhaps I've not got something to base that hope on."

If nothing else, the game gave Armstrong the chance to ask Ron

Greenwood about the chances of bringing an England side to Ayresome Park for his testimonial match later in the season.

Says Armstrong: "It's only a possibility at the moment and one problem is that it would probably need a virtually full-strength England side to bring out the Boro fans. It's difficult enough getting them into the ground for First Division matches, so it would probably need Kevin Keegan to attract them to a testimonial."

Once his testimonial year is out of the way, the North-East born player knows he must make a decision about the rest of his career.

"Apart from my caps, the only thing I've ever won with Boro is a Second Division Championship medal and, like anybody, I've got ambition to add to it," he admits.

"But I don't see any reason why I can't do that with Middlesbrough. The club must have a great future, particularly when our current batch of youngsters get more experience."

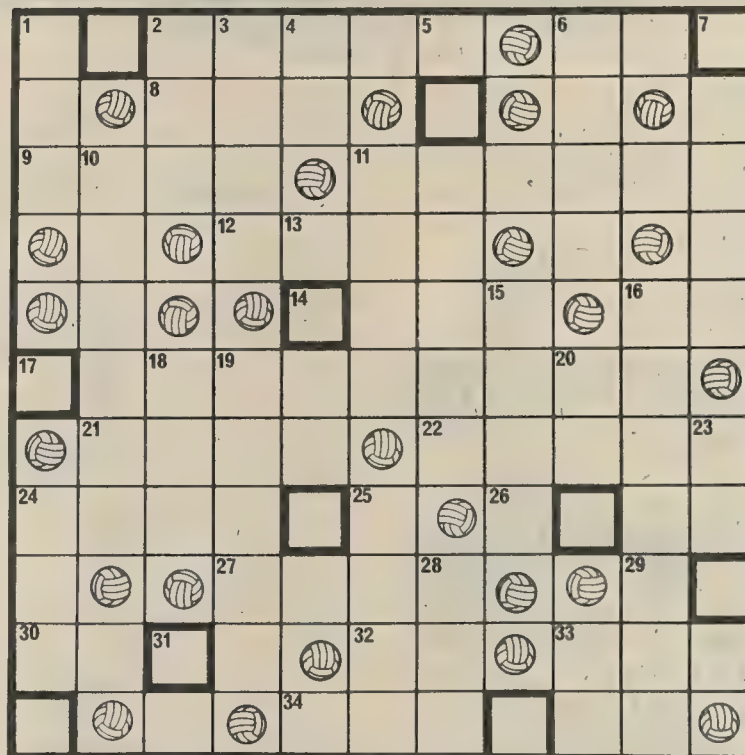
"That would delight me because I would like nothing better than to stay here and be successful. I have so many friends in the area and that's very important to me."

Go for the Double

After solving the clues in this specially compiled crossword, you can use the letters in the thick-edged squares to form the name of a West Bromwich midfielder. Answers on page 27.

ACROSS:—

- (1) Justin —, Norwich City striker.
- (6) Phil ---kes, West Ham 'keeper.
- (8) M-rt-n -urray, Everton midfielder player.
- (9) — Lane; ground of Bury.
- (11) Jerry —, Crystal Palace midfielder player.
- (12) — Avenue, ground of Southport who left the Football League in 1978.
- (14) Cardiff City are nicknamed The — Birds.
- (16) Geoff --rrick of Bristol City.
- (17) Hajduk Split, Champions of —
- (21) ---s J-nkins, Watford striker.
- (22) Gr--t- -o-d (Crewe). Periods of time from the omissions.
- (24) Sensitive part of the eye.
- (26) Slang for a good bargain . . . a cheap player, perhaps.
- (27) V--- Field, home of Swansea City.
- (29) --rrkoping. Swedish club.
- (30) Turf —, ground of Burnley.
- (32) Adrian --ath, Stoke City player.
- (33) Wager . . . maybe on the result of the match.
- (34) Steve —, Crystal Palace midfielder player.



DOWN:—

- (1) David ---g, Oxford United.
- (2) Sink or subside.
- (3) ----field Road, home of Coventry City.
- (4) Kevin --bbut (Bristol City). The omissions reversed.
- (5) Country in which the first World Cup Finals were held.
- (6) Ca----low Park (Morton). Tube from the missing letters.
- (7) Joe —, Bristol City striker.
- (10) To avoid losses a club might — their players.
- (11) ----moor Ground; Rotherham United.
- (13) Not present.
- (15) Mel —, Wolves striker.
- (16) Paul —, Ipswich town striker.
- (18) David Arms-r-n- (Middlesbrough). The omissions in reverse.
- (19) Take five letters from Ironsides (Newport) to make a willow used in basket-work.
- (20) — Bowyer, Nottm Forest.
- (23) ----land; Rochdale's ground.
- (24) The —, Derby County nickname.
- (25) Mik- ---nnon (Southampton). Dull pain from missing letters.
- (28) R--i-s, French club.
- (31) Gordon C-wa-s of Aston Villa.
- (33) Leicester City, The Fil--rts.

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'SCOTLAND RUN OUT OF EXCUSES'

HYSTERIA on the terraces, usually the trademark of Scotland's Tartan Army, was there in abundance when England put the polish on their qualification for the European Championship Finals with a fine win over Bulgaria at Wembley.

"England, England" and "Only one team in Europe" they chanted, and television commentator Barry Davies became just as excited as the fans as the cameras filmed the unfamiliar sight of England supporters getting emotional over their team.

And quite right too, for Ron Greenwood has done a super job and his team have a great chance of winning the competition in Rome next summer.

But 24 hours earlier Scotland crumbled to Belgium in Brussels and lost their last chance of getting to Rome.

It has taken only a year and half for it all to turn the full circle. Before the World Cup Finals in Argentina last summer Scotland were on the crest of a wave, while England were down and all but out.

Now, it is so different and Scotland have used up all the excuses. We are down and struggling and manager Jock Stein has a real job on his hands.

It is not for me to tell him what to do, who to drop and who to bring in, but at a time when everyone else in the country wants to throw in a suggestion, I, too, have my ideas.

While only three or four players received pass marks from the Press in Brussels it was obvious that the only ones who retained their peak form were those incredible supporters whose lungs were heard decibels above the Belgian fans and who never seem to know when they are beaten.

With all due respect I doubt if many of the 71,000 who cheered England against Bulgaria at

Tartan Talk

DANNY McGRAIN

Davie Provan came on as sub in Belgium and soon caused their defence problems.



Wembley would make a cross-Channel trip in similar circumstances to the Scots.

As for the team it is all very well to say so-and-so must go, but we have to put up alternatives. Possibly Roy Aitken, Davie Provan — a sub in Belgium — and Bobby Russell, when he is fully fit again, are worth a try.

Yet all is not lost, for I honestly believe that in two years Scotland can be as good as England are now. Patience . . . that is what is needed, but my one big fear is that the Scottish fans don't have it.

In England they put up with it while their team struggled and now they are reaping the fruits of it all. Their players didn't complain when they were left out, the manager persisted with Emlyn Hughes and Bob Latchford even when they were out of their club sides and the supporters kept faith in Ron Greenwood.

He in turn educated the players and the supporters.

My point is this. What is the

good of players and coaches teaching youngsters to play their football as the thinking man's game, linking their passes across the pitch and playing pure possession if the fans won't tolerate it?

The simplest philosophy in football is that if you have the ball the opposition can't score. The old Scottish game of boot it and charge is outdated and completely ineffective now, yet while our fans will applaud the possession game of the opposition they still want old style kick and rush.

Sophisticated football teams of the 70's hunt in packs, moving in groups and are content to play the waiting game. The Scottish fans will have to realise this.

Meanwhile as all goes ill for the full team I am pleased to report that things could hardly be better for the Under-21 side and our youth team who have four Celtic players in the squad — John Halpin, Charlie Nicholas, Willie McStay and Mark Reid.

And another man with Celtic

Park associations who must be pleased with life is one time Park-head wing-half Davie Hay who was transferred to Chelsea for £250,000 and watched his luck go from bad to worse.

Davie is a great pal of mine so I was delighted when he took over as assistant-manager of Motherwell recently.

Mark my words, Davie will do well there and he could be one of our great managers of the future. He deserves it.

See you all in our Christmas issue next week.

Danny McGrain

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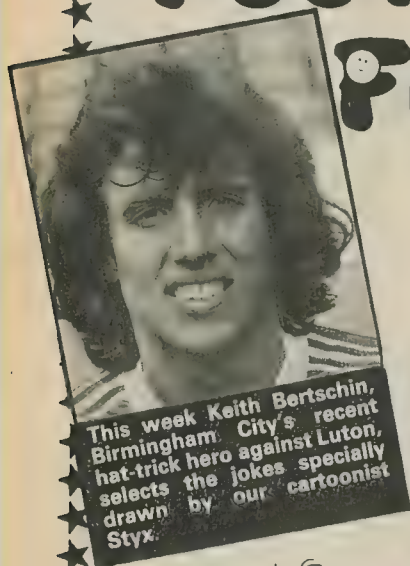
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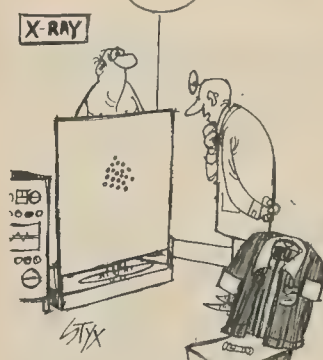
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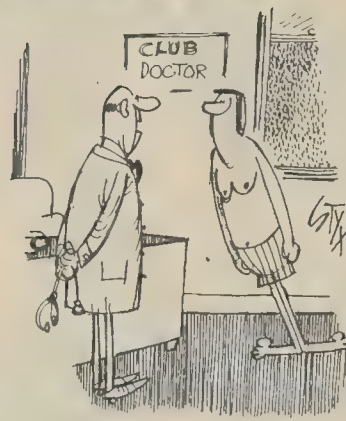
"Bad luck for the goalie. The ball was deflected by Smith, Johnson, Hopkins, Jones, Brown and the ref before entering the net"



"There's guts for you, carried off three times and he's going back for more"



"After blowing your whistle, do you keep it in your mouth when you breathe in?"



"Exactly how long have you been playing on the right-wing?"



"My dodgy knee seems better, coach — I've done two hours work with a weight on it"



"If you promise to behave, Mr. Clough says you can watch the second-half"



THE DOC HELPS DAVID

A MAN reluctant to make a move — that was Manchester United's young midfield player David McCreery. But as United manager Dave Sexton planned for the new season, it became increasingly apparent that McCreery didn't figure too highly in his plans.

One man who knew that as well as anyone was Q.P.R. manager Tommy Docherty, who had seen what McCreery could do when he was in charge at Old Trafford.

The Doc moved into the West London club with ambitious building plans and he saw the Belfast-born McCreery as an ideal young man for his side. But he had a problem — how to convince McCreery to come to Loftus Road.

Docherty got permission to approach McCreery only to get a firm refusal from the player. Another attempt was made soon after ... and again McCreery turned down the chance of joining Rangers.

What changed McCreery's mind was the realisation that he had little future at Old Trafford. He explains: "I had hoped I might be able to make a go of it up there but knew I would have to move away."

"I must admit I didn't fancy coming down here at first. But it was nothing against Rangers or Tommy Docherty. It was just that the thought of coming to London to live and play, which scared the hell out of me."

"You see, apart from when I came down with Manchester United for matches and had overnight stays with the team, I'd never really been to London. I had heard the usual stories about how different it was to the North and I just didn't want to come here."

Home-town

"I regarded Manchester as my home for I had lived there for six years ever since coming to United from Belfast. That was why I was so reluctant to leave, especially when I had no connections in London. But I think in the end I realised a football player has to accept the places where his career takes him."

"So I moved — and now I find I'm quite glad I did. I'm looking for a house in a lovely part of Buckinghamshire and there is some beautiful scenery around here."

"Playing alongside Tony Currie and Stan Bowles in midfield is a terrific experience for me. They are both experienced players who have helped me a lot, not only in matches but also training."

"Q.P.R. are a good club and have a talented team now. It's a challenge for everybody because we all want to get back into the First Division at the end of this season. With players of the calibre of



Currie and so many others in the side, we must have a good chance. I'm playing the same midfield role as I did at Manchester United — but I'm much happier."

What many people didn't realise, was that McCreery almost turned his back on English football. "I very nearly signed for a club in the United States as a permanent player over there," he says. "But I thought hard about it and perhaps decided I wanted to prove myself in first team football in this country. That's what I am hoping to do at Rangers."

McCreery remembered Tommy Docherty as the man who often gave him his chance in the senior side in United matches. "I was frequently sub but I seemed to get on at some stage in most games," said McCreery. "But when Docherty left, I got fewer and fewer chances."

"Docherty is a tough man and wants a lot of hard work out of you. But he's very fair if you are straight with him and that's probably why I like working under him."

"I know I was reluctant to join at first," he says, looking back. "But I'm sure the manager understood why I didn't want to leave Manchester."

"Now, though, I'm glad I have got this whole fresh new start in my football career. Although I spent almost six years at Manchester United, I was only 22 this September so I still have a lot to learn."

"I'm sure it will benefit my career, and at the end of the day, that is what I had to consider more than anything else."



Phil Neal's Tackling Tips— The 'Front Block Tackle'

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2. Put your full weight behind the tackling foot. Bend your knees – they only absorb shock when they are bent.
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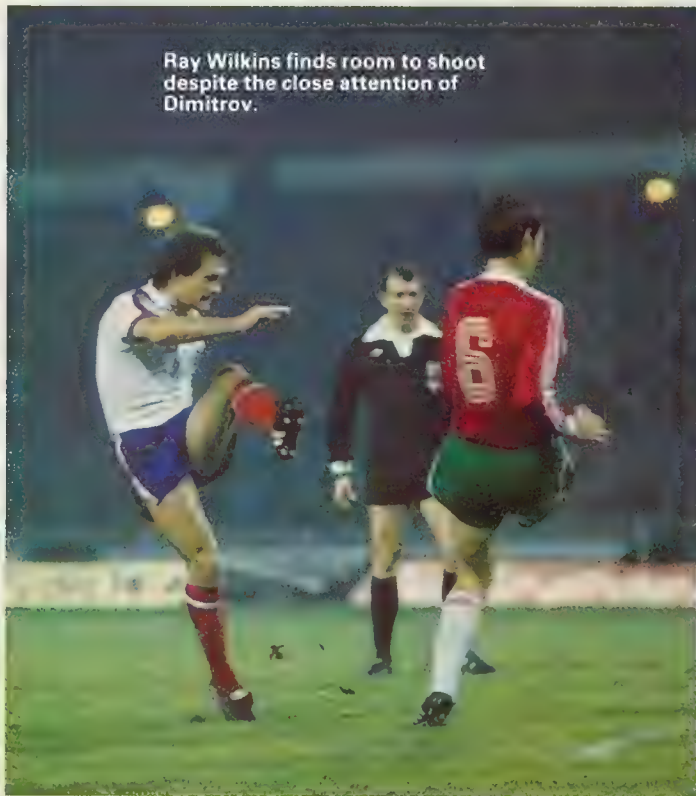
THAT was the cry from the England fans in Northern Ireland, and their 2-0 victory. Beaten only twice in 22 games, confidence is high as England prepare for the World Cup Finals.



Trevor Francis speeds on to the ball against Bulgaria, but the Forest striker couldn't continue his goalscoring form for England at Wembley.



Cologne-bound Tony Woodcock goes close.



Ray Wilkins finds room to shoot despite the close attention of Dimitrov.



Dave Watson's header is on its way into the Bulgaria net, with new boy Kevin Reeves there — just in case.

RE WE COME!

and camp following Eire's defeat
victory over Bulgaria at Wemb-
s under Ron Greenwood means
pare for the European Champ-



Star of the night... Sevens midfield player
Glenn Hoddle capped his debut with a
brilliant goal



SCOTLAND'S European
Championship hopes were
shattered by their 2-0 defeat
in Belgium (John Robertson
is seen beating Eric Gerets
here). It hasn't been a happy
year for Jock Stein's team
and 1980 will almost
certainly see a new-look
Scotland side as they start
their 1982 World Cup
challenge.



SHOOT!

One and Out!



PHIL Parkes, Phil Boyer and John Richards won't thank us for saying so but the indications are that they will eventually join that exclusive band of men who played for England — just ONCE.

All three are highly-rated players, yet have been unfortunate enough to play their football at a time when they were locked in severe competition for places.

In Parkes's case, of course, it's not so unusual for a goalkeeper to suffer in this fashion, yet the West Ham number one is still unlucky to have drawn the short straw in playing during the same era as Peter Shilton and Ray Clemence, two of England's best-ever 'keepers, to say nothing of Joe Corrigan.

Richards would probably have gained more than a solitary appearance against Northern Ireland six years ago, but for cruel injuries, and even now he harbours hopes of a recall.

As for Boyer, he figured in a celebration international against Wales in 1976 — the occasion being the Welsh FA Centenary — at Wrexham.

It was an extraordinary night on which Don Revie introduced no fewer than seven newcomers to international football, and brought back Mick Mills three years after his only previous cap.

Discarded

Trevor Cherry, Phil Neal, Phil Thompson, Mike Doyle, Ray Kennedy, Peter Taylor and Dave Clement all got further opportunities — Phil Boyer didn't.

Parkes, Richards and Boyer are, of course, grateful for the fact that they do at least possess one cap, whereas many fine players never got a single honour.

But they must feel it was a little tough to be discarded after such scant opportunity.

Aston Villa's Brian Little must feel even more cheated. His sole England memory is of a 20-minute burst of activity as a substitute against Wales in 1975. He was so impressive in such a short space of time that the pundits thought it inevitable he would get an extended chance against Scotland the following Saturday.

Don Revie decided against it and from that day to this Brian Little has never pulled on an England shirt again.

Kevin Hector, one of the post-War periods most prolific goal-scorers with Bradford and Derby County, and recently a medal-winner with Vancouver Whitecaps in the North American League Final, was doubly unlucky.

He won two England caps, but both were as a substitute, and in each instance he was given even less time than Little to make his presence felt. The first of those appearances was on that momentous night in 1973 when England

were eliminated from the World Cup by Poland at Wembley. Although Hector was given only a token five minutes to perform what would have been a miraculous rescue, he twice came desperately close to beating Jan Tomaszewski — he would have been a national hero if the ball had ended up in the net. Instead he was to fade into international obscurity.

By strange coincidence Trevor Whymark, one of Kevin's colleagues in the successful Vancouver side, is another who has only a few minutes of international glory to boast. His 20-minute trot occurred in a World Cup qualifying tie in Luxembourg in 1978. Now that Trevor has left Ipswich and playing for Sparta Rotterdam it would suggest his chance of adding to that tally has also gone.

It must seem an eternity to John Hollins since he was given his one and only England shirt.

It was 12 years ago. He played against Spain and John, a Chelsea player those days, wore the number 11 jersey. It's worth noting that the side Alf Ramsey picked that day — and remember this was in the year after the World Cup Final victory was: Peter Bonetti, George Cohen, Keith Newton, Alan Mullery, Brian Labone, Bobby Moore, Alan Ball, Jimmy Greaves, Geoff Hurst, Roger Hunt and Hollins.

Who would have thought that the only survivor today would be Alan Ball, and the only player among the lot to win less than 25 caps, other than Bonetti — John Hollins?

Another modern man who must think he is destined to be left with a solitary cap to show for more than a decade of duty is Southampton's Charlie George.

After making a name for himself at Arsenal, in more ways than one, Charlie settled down to become a potent enough part of Derby County's drive under Dave Mackay, and he was duly capped by Don Revie against the Republic of Ireland in 1977. But an evening of expectancy turned into a nightmare as Charlie was pulled off in the second-half never to get the call again.



Just three names behind him in the roll of honour you'll find the reference to Gidman, J. (Aston Villa) 1977 v Luxembourg.

Yet Gidman has set about putting that right and of all the aforementioned he perhaps stands the best chance of adding to his caps.

Sadly, some cannot build on the one cap awarded before retirement: Ken Armstrong (Chelsea), John Angus (Burnley), Ray Barlow (West Bromwich Albion), Geoff Bradford (Bristol Rovers), Ken Brown (West Ham), Ray Charnley (Blackpool), Danny Clapton (Arsenal), Harry Clarke (Spurs), Chris Crowe (Wolves), John Fantham (Sheffield Wednesday), Gordon Harris (Burnley), Colin Harvey (Everton), Ron Henry (Spurs), Tony Kay (Everton), Jimmy Meadows (Manchester City), Brian Miller (Burnley), Bill Nicholson (Spurs), Brian Pilkington (Burnley), Ken Shellito (Chelsea), Tommy Smith (Liverpool), Alex Stepney (Manchester United), Ian Storey-Moore (Nottingham Forest) and Derek Temple (Everton).

It would also be extraordinary if three others were to mark the closing stages of their careers with second caps: Frank Lampard (West Ham), Tony Brown (West Brom) and Jeff Blockley (Notts County).

Perhaps the two most unfortunate of all single selections were Tony and Bill Nicholson.

Kay actually scored in an 8-1 romp against Switzerland, while Nicholson also scored in a 5-2 success over Portugal! What more could they have done?



Phil Parkes (above) may be Britain's most expensive 'keeper, but has still won only one England cap. The same goes for Phil Boyer (left) against Wales and John Richards (right), whose one cap came against Northern Ireland at Everton.



TAKE A BREAK—IT'S

Quiz Time

1. Did Jack Charlton, manager of Sheffield Wednesday, score for England in 35 international appearances?

2. Comedian Jasper Carrott has become a director of which Second Division club?

3. Queens Park Rangers boss Tommy Docherty signed Gordon Hill for £150,000. Is it the second, third or fourth time the controversial Doc has managed Hill?

4. With which club did Wolves' Emlyn Hughes (below) start his professional career?



5. England Under-21 played their Bulgarian counterparts in a European Under-21 Championship game. Did they win 3-0, 4-0 or 5-0 at Orient, Oldham or Leicester?

6. Willie Pettigrew is scoring goals this season for Dundee or Dundee United?

7. Who was manager of Arsenal when they completed the League Championship, F.A. Cup double in 1970-71?

8. Have Newcastle United won the First Division title four, five or six times?

9. West Ham's Jimmy Neighbour has played for two other League clubs... can you name them?

10. Tom Ritchie (below), Clive Whitehead or Paul Cheesley had the honour of scoring Bristol City's first goal in Division One after their promotion in 1975-76?



11. Notts County defender Jeff Blockley is an international for which country?

12. True or false? Portsmouth have never won the F.A. Cup.

13. Leeds United drew 1-1 against Barcelona in the European Cup Semi-Final second-leg in Spain to go through to the 1975 Final. Can you name the defender who was sent-off in this game?

14. In which countries do the following play — (a) Schalke 04, (b) Valencia, and (c) Benfica?

15. Which clubs play at (a) Belle Vue, (b) Vetch Field, (c) Cappielow Park and (d) Eastville?

ANSWERS:

1. Yes. 2. Birmingham City. 3. Third. 4. Blackpool. 5. 5-0 at Leicester. 6. Dundee United. 7. Bertie Mee. 8. Four. 9. Tottenham and Norwich. 10. Paul Cheesley. 11. England. 12. False. 13. They won the Cup in 1939. 14. (a) West Germany, (b) Spain, (c) Portugal. 15. (a) Doncaster Rovers, (b) Swansea, (c) Morton, (d) Bristol Rovers.

GO FOR THE DOUBLE ANSWERS

ACROSS:— (1) Fashanu. (6) Par. (8) Aim. (9) Gigg. (11) Murphy. (12) Haig. (14) Blue. (16) Me. (17) Yugoslavia. (21) Rose. (22) Years. (24) Retina. (26) Snip. (27) Etch. (29) No. (30) Moor. (32) He. (33) Bet. (34) Kember. DOWN:— (1) Fog. (2) Sag. (3) High. (4) Am. (5) Uruguay. (6) Pipe. (7) Royle. (10) Insure. (11) Mill. (13) Absent. (15) Eves. (16) Mariner. (18) Got. (19) Osier. (20) Ian. (23) Spot. (24) Rams. (25) Ache. (28) Hem. (31) On. (33) Ba. Jumbled Name: BRYAN ROBSON.

THE TAG NEWPORT WANT TO LOSE

NO club in the Fourth Division has a motivation quite like that of Newport County. "We are the only club in the Division that has never been out of it. And that makes our ambition twice as strong," says chairman Richie Ford.

"We have our best team in memory and are playing the finest football that people can remember at Somerton Park. Yet, somehow, we are not completely convincing the local public.

"People are sitting on the fence. They are saying 'Yes, we've seen spurts of good football before but it's never lasted. County will slip back into their old habits and miss out again'. Well, that isn't going to happen — believe me!

"We've come a long way but we have only just started. Whatever doubts some people may have, the professionals are recognising us for what we are... a good club getting better.

Old days

"The others in South Wales once regarded us as the poor relations: now they acknowledge us for the ability of our players and the progress we've made since the old days when we lived hand to mouth and were saddled by debt."

Ford, youngest chairman in the Football League at 37, took over two years ago. First he worked with Colin Addison to save the club from a re-election that must have brought its certain extinction: now the partnership is with Len Ashurst — a manager who rates Newport's prospects so highly that he staggered the football world last summer by rejecting the managerial vacancy at Sunderland.

"Of course the job of managing Sunderland is one of the finest in football but you don't walk out when you're halfway through a job that is important to a great many people," he explained.

In the 18 months since he arrived at Somerton Park, Ashurst has turned over a side with rare cour-

age. He started by speaking a truth that no one wanted to hear... "we will not be going up this season," he said bluntly.

He knew that there was a massive rebuilding task ahead and suddenly Newport started to shoot upwards. They put in an exciting burst that gave them an outside chance of promotion and swept West Ham out of the F.A. Cup.

In the end, however, they were not quite good enough — just as Ashurst knew all along. This season is a very different story and they are racing along with the promotion front runners.

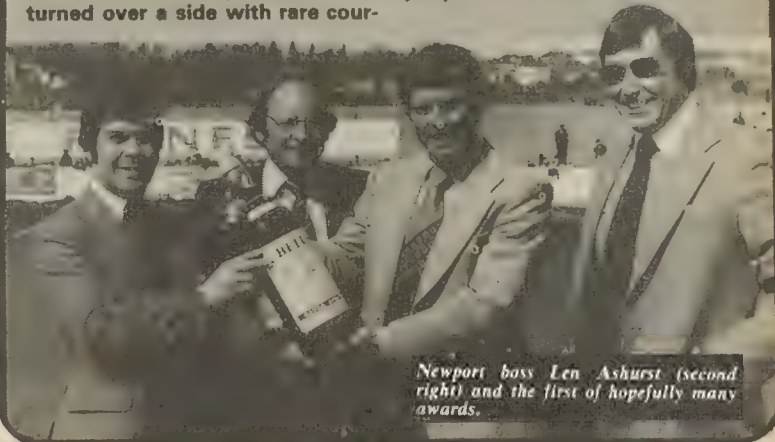
It is a rags-to-riches story at Somerton Park and no player parallels the transformation more than winger Kevin Moore. Given a free transfer by Blackpool and then cleared out at Swansea City, Moore is having a dream of a season for Newport.

"The first League game in which we failed to score, against Port Vale at the start of November, coincided with Kevin's first absence through injury — except it was no coincidence," says Ashurst.

"It has become very important to me to prove myself," says Moore. "This season I'm a player with a new character. When John Toshack sold me from Swansea, he said that I wasn't consistent enough. He was right about that.

"Now I'm going to show everyone that I AM consistent. Newport's goals this season are making the point. It's a task not without its painful moments because full-backs in the Fourth Division don't stand off and let you play.

"They mark tight and drive in hard. I don't like it but I'll take it all because I've got to show the people who didn't rate me."



Newport boss Len Ashurst (second right) and the first of hopefully many awards.



'THE MADMAN' WANTS TO COME BACK

SIX MONTHS before the 1978 World Cup got under way, César Menotti's automatic first choice to defend the Argentine goal wasn't Pato Fillol, the 'keeper subsequently acclaimed as the best in the world — it was Boca Juniors' "madman" goalkeeper Hugo "El Loco" Gatti.

The two men were arch-rivals, believing in completely different styles of goalkeeping, and Fillol refused point-blank to sit on the substitutes' bench while Gatti was wearing the number one shirt.

Forced to make a direct choice between the two, Menotti decided that Gatti was the better 'keeper, and named Balei and Cejas as reserves.

But six months before the World Cup kick-off Gatti surprised the nation by asking Menotti for two months' holiday before joining the squad's preparation programme. He'd recently had a

cartilage operation and didn't feel he was fully fit, he explained.

But Menotti rapidly decided that Gatti's request meant he wasn't in the right frame of mind to begin an arduous World Cup campaign, excluded him from the squad, called up Fillol... and the rest is part of football history.

Now Gatti is back on top form and has announced that he wants to return to the national team — but not as Fillol's reserve.

"I know I'm 33," says Argentina's number one character, "but this is no disadvantage when you're a goalkeeper. Some of the best 'keepers in the world, like Jongbloed, Maier, Zoff and Albertosi were still at their peak in their mid-30's."

"It's taken me two years to recover from that knee operation, but I'm back at my best now. If it hadn't been for that I would have been a World Champion in 1978."

"But I don't bear Menotti any grudge for leaving me out of the squad. I was honest with him about not feeling 100 per cent physically, but I think in the back of his mind he suspected that it was a put-up job so that I could carry on playing for Boca Juniors instead of being 'concentrated' for four months with the national team."

Creative art

"Fillol? He's a good goalkeeper, but you ask the top managers in the country who's the best in Argentina... ask Menotti, Lorenzo, Zubeldia... they'll tell you. You know why? Because for me goalkeeping isn't a negative defensive thing. It's a creative art."

"Some people call me a clown, but they're missing the point completely. All right, I do some spectacular things and I try to entertain, but basically a goalkeeper is faced with more confused and unexpected situations than any other player on the field — and you've got to solve these problems in a split second or the ball is in the net."

"This is why my creative mind and my imagination make me a good 'keeper. If I think it's best to clear the ball with my head, that's what I do — but other 'keepers wouldn't do it because it isn't orthodox. This is what makes me outstanding between the posts."

Gatti's return to form poses a problem for Menotti. Does he revert to his original number one choice? Or does he stick to the proven talents of Fillol? El Loco is on top form, whereas Fillol, upset by continual financial wrangles with his club, River Plate, has lost some of his World Cup brilliance.

Younger alternatives such as Vivalda, Falcioni and Vidalle have all failed at top level, and Menotti is now back to square one in the Fillol/Gatti battle for Argentina's number one jersey.

Hello... goodbye

CLODOALDO, one of Brazil's star players in the 1970 World Cup, could easily claim an entry in the Guinness Book of Records.

One day he became fed-up with the Santos FC routine and told directors that either they released him or he would retire.

After 14 years of "good service" to Santos, the club decided to let him go.

Although wanted by Cosmos, he accepted a long-standing invitation from Coritiba of Parana (Brazil). He arrived at his new club in the morning, was greeted by a massive group of supporters singing for their new idol, took pictures wearing Coritiba's all-green shirt and even agreed on the terms of his contract.

That same afternoon, though, he was back at Santos "to stay".

He simply said: "I was enthusiastically greeted by everyone there, but then I realised that after all those years there is no other club for me apart from Santos."

A typical case of a player's club-sickness!

● Watch out next week for an interview with the Brazilian World Cup star who almost joined Birmingham City.

MUNICH 1860 are in danger of relegation and their chairman, Dr. Erich Riedl, is said to have offered to double the salary of Udo Lattek, boss of Borussia Dortmund. That would have given Lattek £12,000 a month, but he decided to honour his contract.

Millionaires bankrupt!

THE Millionaires are bankrupt. That was the news that shook Colombia on the same day that the famous club notched a great 6-0 win over Independiente Medellin.

Millonarios became a legend in world football in the 1950's, when Colombia was a "rebel" outside the control of FIFA. They gathered together an exhibition team of highly-paid foreign stars, including the great Alfredo di Stefano, and took the world by storm, beating even the mighty Real Madrid 3-2 in Real's own Bernabeu Stadium.

But, despite mopping up 11 honours in Colombian competitions, the Millonarios have been on the wane ever since, and now the entire squad has been put up for sale in a bid to clear the club's debts.

● CZECH fans are probably the most fortunate as far as televised football is concerned. They saw the France-Czechoslovakia international live and in full and four days later also saw the East Germany v Holland game in Leipzig.

ANOTHER SETBACK FOR BRAZIL



BRAZIL manager Cláudio Coutinho's job is once again in the balance. Having survived a World Cup 'failure', when Brazil finished third and unbeaten in Argentina last year, the three times World Champions were knocked out of the South American Championship by unfashionable Paraguay. And it was no fluke, either.

Brazil lost 2-1 in Asunción and could only draw 2-2 in Rio. Brazil have lost three games under Coutinho, all away, in France, Bolivia and Paraguay. In all, they have won 26, drawn 14 and lost three under Coutinho, scoring 100 goals and conceding 27.

This record would be acceptable just about anywhere else, although I understand Coutinho will remain the national manager as most of the criticism has been levelled at the CBD... the Brazilian F.A.

The president of the CBD is Heleno Nunes, who is very keen to lead the F.A. when it becomes independent from the CBD, which controls all sports.

Nunes did not order clubs to release players for the Paraguay games, but in an extra effort to 'keep in' with the

club directors chartered a Boeing 727 to fly the players to Paraguay.

A 727 seats 160, but there were only 17 players. The rest of the seats were taken up mainly by Nunes' guests, who turned out to be presidents of Brazil's top clubs.

All had an expenses-paid trip to Asunción — and the CBD are Government controlled, so that meant tax-payers' money.

There was another delicate point, as Coutinho is also manager of Rio club Flamengo, and their players weren't released and this obviously helped their domestic situation; they have just won their seventh consecutive title under Coutinho.

Excuse for failure

British fans will be amused to hear one excuse for Brazil's failure to win in Rio — they were together for only three days before the game! In Brazil, they are used to much longer and one critic remarked that "because of this poor preparation, Brazil look like 11 one-man teams".

Paraguay have never been easy meat for the Brazilians. In the qualifying ties for the 1970 World Cup, Brazil won 1-0 home and away, but both goals were scored in the final minutes. Even so, I would still expect ANY Brazil side to overcome Paraguay.

The Paraguayans proved to be skilful and their heads did not drop when they went behind.

At the end of the game in the Maracana a reporter asked Nunes if Coutinho would be sacked: "Why should he? Brazil played marvellously," replied Nunes.

Then, Joao Saldanha, who was manager ten years ago, interrupted (this was live on radio) and said: "Mr. Nunes, after hearing what you have said, I can only tell you what 100 million Brazilians want to tell you: GO TO HELL!"

Nunes said nothing...

Ground closed

IN SPAIN, Hercules of Alicante have had their ground closed after a linesman had been struck by a missile thrown from the crowd during the Hercules-Betis League game. In fact the 'missile' was a bottle filled with sand, which means that the crazy 'fan' must have gone to the match prepared to do someone grievous bodily harm.

There was a similar incident during the regional game between Alhama and Naval, where the referee was hit on the head by a bottle of wine as he left the field at half-time. The bottle broke on impact and all the officials were drenched by the contents. The bottle-thrower was subsequently arrested and said in his defence "I thought the referee might like a drink".

Picture shows Magath, Nogly and Memering celebrating the 3-0 defeat of Bochum.

GLASGOW TOPS

VALENCIA's Cup-Winners' Cup success in Glasgow has sparked off a remarkable change of fortunes for Alfredo di Stéfano's side. Up to the Rangers match they had won just three of the 11 matches they'd played, and di Stéfano's head was well and truly on the block.

But the ex-Real Madrid ace gambled on two unknown youngsters in the line-up at Ibrox, and suddenly found a winning combination.

Since then, Valencia have hit winning form in the Spanish League and have shot up the table. Mario Kempes seems to have rediscovered something like his old form for the first time since the 1978 World Cup.

Di Stéfano, recalling Real Madrid's fabulous 7-3 victory over Eintracht Frankfurt in the 1960 European Cup Final (in which he scored a sensational hat-trick) has announced that Glasgow is now his favourite city.

KONSTANTIN Beskov, who had charge of the U.S.S.R.'s national team for two matches this year before resigning, has been re-appointed after missing one game, following a re-shuffle within the Soviet Union FA. For the match against West Germany in Tbilisi he introduced four new caps and four men plus a substitute from Spartak Moscow but they still lost 3-1.

DR. KAROLY Lakat, busy re-building Hungary's national team, turned away from the traditional giants in the capital like Ferencváros, Honvéd and Dozsa to field nine men from VTK Diosgyor in the Olympics match against Poland. He said he is using the Olympics to build a new national team, and won 2-0.

Slav labour

AFTER the recent Mediterranean football competition held at Split, the players of Hajduk (Split) invited the Yugoslav national team and club representatives to a meeting.

Their objectives were outlined by Branko Luketin of Hajduk, who was elected chairman. He said: "At the moment, contracts in Yugoslavia have to be for at least four years. We would like to see two year contracts as standard."

"Then, our players cannot join foreign clubs until they reach their 28th birthday and we would like the players to be free to join any club of their choice at the end of their contract."

"We feel that if a young player moves, his club should be compensated by a transfer fee agreed between the two clubs, but with older players they should be free to go without financial restrictions."

The players agreed to donate two per cent of their salaries to build up a "fund of solidarity", which is a delicate way of forming a Union.

But the Yugoslav players are a long way from achieving their aims. When their objectives were published, the FA secretary, Mr. Lazarevic, told a Press conference: "If all the players' ideas were adopted where would football be in Yugoslavia? All our best players would be in other countries. Even with the 28-year ruling, more than 600 Yugoslavs have joined foreign clubs since it was introduced, and I think that is quite enough."

Superlative HSV

AS Kevin Keegan ponders over his future in Hamburg, his club, HSV, have hit top form and are poised to not only retain their Bundesliga title, but also take the European Cup from Nottingham Forest.

At least, that's the view of most people in West Germany as Hamburger SV have recovered after a slow start to the season. After HSV's win in Georgia against Dinamo Tbilisi, the Soviet Press acclaimed the Germans as "the best team ever to compete here".

HSV coach, Branko Zebec said: "You can only speak of my team in superlatives. Many words are not necessary." The Champions are now playing even better than last season and one of their strengths is the way master tactician Zebec plays on every weakness of the opposition.

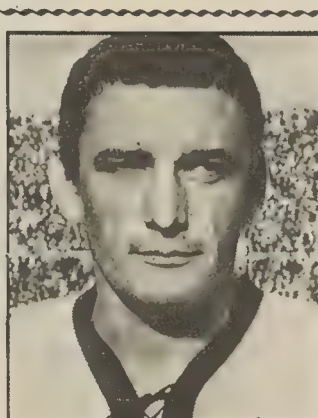
IN DEFENCE... goalkeeper Kargus has had little to do behind the best back-four in the League. Kaltz, who is set to join an Italian club next

year, is playing world-class. Stopper Jakobs has fitted in well, while captain and sweeper Nogly improves, even though he has reached the veteran stage. Left-back Hidién has been hit by injuries, but has recovered well.

IN MIDFIELD... the Yugoslav Buljan took time to adapt after being stopper last season. He is now the top scorer and on top of his goals, his long passing has won the praise of his team-mates. Magath and Hartwig cover up any technical failings with 100 per cent effort and hard work.

IN ATTACK... Keegan is the leader, playing better than ever. Alongside him, Hrubesch has changed from a ram-like striker to a more, modern forward, while Reimann is now the hero of the HSV fans.

The other week, a German paper said that HSV's revival is due to the English attitude of Kevin Keegan. But will he be there next season?



● Cagliari, now coached by former winger Gigi Riva, shot to second place in the Italian League, proving you don't have to spend millions to be successful. The Sardinians spent only £25,000 during the Italian summer transfer period.

WORLD WIDE



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SPAIN'S World Cup preparations are producing a fair crop of strange situations as the country stumbles into a new era of democracy.

The latest episode occurred in Oviedo, where the local authorities have voted against raising the money for the modernisation of the Carlos Tartere Stadium to World Cup standards.

As the stadium is the property of the local authority, there's little anyone can do about their decision, though the club themselves have offered to try and raise enough cash to buy their ground.

Then they would be free to raise the modernisation loan irrespective of the town hall's decision.

Spain is different...

● Poland have arranged 12 full internationals for 1980 including a home game with England on October 8, and a South American tour in July.

● Ujpest Dozsa have dominated the Hungarian League for a decade, but with the loss of goalkeeper Toth, who defected to the USA, and the car-crash injuries of Torocsik, Ujpest hover just above the relegation pair and had not even one player in the team that lost 1-0 to Poland.



● Hertha BSC have dismissed manager-coach Kuno Klotzer (above) the 93rd West German boss to be sacked in mid-season since the Bundesliga began, in 1963.

● The French F.A. Cup has grown from humble beginnings with 48 entrants in 1917 when it started to more than 2,700 for 1979-80.

● Dr. Peter Krohn, former business manager of Hamburger SV is the only candidate to oppose the current chairman Paul Benthien later this month. Herr Benthien recently announced that HSV's

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current outgoings are over 12 million DM, or more than £3 million. He told the Press after beating Dynamo Tbilisi that the club needed a spectator-boom if they are to avoid being forced to part with one of their best players like Kevin Keegan or Manfred Kaltz.

● FC Bayern Munich attracted less than 3,000 spectators to their home UEFA Cup tie with unknown Danes AGF Aarhus and according to manager Uli Hoeness this was not even enough to pay their players the bonus promised for reaching the next round.



● An amazing transfer has been completed in Norway. Fourth Division side Cartherud "sold" a player to Stavanger IF for... one pound of cheese, four pints of milk, four eggs, one small loaf and a pound of coffee. Sounds a tasty deal.

● If all the Uruguayan players abroad were brought together, they would make seven complete teams.

● Jan Möller, goalkeeper of Malmö FF, has been chosen as Footballer of the Year in Sweden.

● The Chilean F.A. has announced drastic changes for next season. A team winning by four goals or more will receive a bonus point, while after a draw neither side will win a single point. The most significant ruling is that any club drawing an average of less than 4,000 will be automatically relegated!

● Anderlecht have signed 17-year-old Jesper Olsen of Naestved, Denmark, and even before he had kicked a ball for the Brussels club he was called 'the new Allan Simonsen'.

● In East Germany, football hooligans recently ran into a restaurant and stole food from customers' plates, while reports say that some shops were raided and... washing powder stolen!

● In an effort to attract more fans, Dutch club Utrecht have a Turkish belly-dancer performing before the game starts.

● Franz Beckenbauer, 34 (left), has hinted that he will return to Europe when his Cosmos contract expires next year. He is tired of all the travelling the Cosmos do.

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THIRD Division Blackburn Rovers captured one of football's most exciting personalities when they signed the much-travelled Duncan McKenzie from Chelsea in the latter half of last season.

It is hard to imagine the talented McKenzie in the Third Division, yet he has settled quickly and happily into the blue and white of the Ewood Park club, and looks forward to a future, that to him, looks very bright indeed.

"I'm enjoying my football at the moment," says Duncan. "I have always felt happier playing for a Northern club. The move to Blackburn was purely for family

Duncan McKenzie (right) and West Ham's Alan Devonshire (below), one of the players the former Everton and Leeds star rates among the best in the country.

WHEN McKENZIE QUITS PLAYING

reasons and, although the club is now in the Third Division, I see no reason why we should not get back into the Second reasonably quickly.

"The North is where I feel comfortable, in fact I never really wanted to leave Everton, but languishing in the reserves was no good for me, so the move to Chelsea seemed a good one. There were other offers but they meant the same upheaval as moving to London.

"London attracted me because when I eventually hang up my boots, I would prefer a job in the media, rather than coaching or management, and it is the centre for opportunities. But it didn't work out at Chelsea and I decided a move back North was advisable."

Avoid

Despite some good end of season results, Blackburn were unable to avoid the drop into the Third Division in May.

"It is much harder playing in the Third than I or the other Rovers players imagined," McKenzie said. "We thought we would skate back to the Second, but have so far found it tough going.

"Years ago, teams in this Division were renowned for kicking lumps out of each other, but it's not true today. Teams are more organised.

"Of course, it does not come easily. In First Division sides, if a player is given a specific job to do, he does it for 90 minutes, but in the Third, a player will only have enough discipline to do the job for, say, a quarter of the game.

"Obviously, there is a difference in terms of the type and quality of the service you receive, and also in



the quality of the opposition, but these difficulties are being resolved by the number of experienced First Division players now in the lower Divisions. These players have done a tremendous job in improving the standard and organisation of clubs outside the First Division.

"I miss the glamour and comfort of being with a top team. The facilities that a Third Division club can offer do not compare with the wealthier clubs. Hotel accommodation is three star instead of five, and all the perks of a big club are missing."

Blackburn did not have the start to their promotion push they had confidently expected. As Duncan says: "We have struggled a little from not having a settled side and

injuries have caused us to make constant positional changes. But we have been putting it together lately and enjoying our football, which is heartening.

"The heavier weather which will soon be with us will make the Ewood Park pitch into a pudding again. In fact, our groundsman doesn't put sand on the pitch, he puts currants and cuts it into slices!

"Obviously, we have played some of our best football when our pitch was at its worst. We beat West Ham here 1-0 last season in a really great game, and I rate players such as Trevor Brooking and Alan Devonshire among the best in the League, and so we have every chance of success this season. Let's hope we can enjoy our games and give our fans good entertainment."

New Lives for Old Stars

RONNIE SIMPSON



RONNIE SIMPSON'S playing days are well behind him now, but the former Scottish international goalkeeper is still among the elite in top soccer circles.

The ex-Celtic star, who won a European Cup medal in 1967, is on the Pools Panel and is called upon to give his judgments whenever games are postponed along with the other experts, including his former Scottish colleague Denis Law.

When Simpson hung up his boots he had a brief spell as manager of Hamilton, but he eventually moved out of football altogether to concentrate on his thriving sports outfitters business.

Simpson was a remarkable character in his playing days, making his debut for Queen's Park when he was only 15. He moved South to Newcastle and enjoyed English Cup Final success before crossing the border again to sign for Hibs.

It was said that he was about to move to little Berwick Rangers on the day Celtic came in for him in 1965. Amazingly, it was Jock Stein, then the Easter Road boss, who sold Simpson to Celtic for a fee of — would you believe — £1,000.

Two years later Simpson was picking up every honour the game had to offer including his European Cup medal and the first of his five Scottish caps.

Now Ronnie is doing well outside the game with his business. He is even the official supplier of football kit to Celtic.

LINE-UPS...RESULTS...SCORERS...

Saturday, November 10

Second Division

(Continued)

NEWCASTLE (1) 1 (Shoulder)
CARDIFF (0) 0 21,243

Newcastle: Hardwick, Brownlie, Davies, Martin, Barton, Boam, Shoulder, Walker, Withe, Rafferty, Hibbitt.

Cardiff: Healey, Thomas, Sullivan, Campbell, Pontin, Dwyer, Bishop (Stevens), Buchanan, Moore, Ronson, Lewis.

NOTTS CO (1) 2 (Mair, Christie)
PRESTON (1) 1 (Bruce) 8,602

Notts Co.: Avramovic, Richards, O'Brien, Hunt, Stubbs, Blackley, McCulloch, Masson, Hooks (Christie), Benjamin, Mair.

Preston: Tunks, Taylor, Wilson, Burns, Baxter, Blackley, Bell, Haslegrave, Elliott, Potts, Bruce.

ORIENT (0) 3 (Jennings 2, Fisher)
CHELSEA (3) 7 (Britton, Frost 3, Fillery, Walker 2) 13,003

Orient: Day, Fisher, Roffey, Went, Gray, Taylor, Chiedozie, Hughton (Moore), Mayo, Jennings, Coates.

Chelsea: Borota, Locke, Wilkins, Bumstead (Hales), Chivers, Pates, Britton, Frost, Harris, Fillery, Walker.

SHREWSBURY (0) 1 (Keay (pen.))
WATFORD (0) 0 8,150

Shrewsbury: Mulhearn, Hayes, Larkin, Lindsay, Griffin, Keay, Tong, Atkins, Maguire, Dungworth, Biggins.

Watford: Steele, Henderson, Harrison, Booth, Sims, Bolton, Pollard, Blissett, Ward, Train, Rostron.

SWANSEA (1) 3 (Attley, Stevenson, James)
SUNDERLAND (1) 1 (Brown) 15,826

Swansea: Letheran, Evans, Rushbury, Charles, Phillips, Stevenson, Craig, Attley, James, Mahoney (Waddle), Callaghan.

Sunderland: Turner, Whitworth, Bolton, Clarke, Elliott, Hughes, Arnott, Gilbert, Brown, Rowell, Chisholm.

WREXHAM (1) 1 (McNeill (pen.))
BRISTOL R (0) 2 (Bater, White) 9,188

Wrexham: Davies, Darracott, Dwyer, Davies, Jones, Giles, Fox, Sutton (Cartwright), Edwards, McNeil, Hill.

Bristol: Jones, Bater, Williams, Mabbutt, Taylor, Aitken, Barrowclough, Parkinson, Dennehy, White, Puls.

Third Division

BARNLEY (1) 2 (Glavin 2, (1 pen.))
EXETER (0) 2 (Hunter (o.g.), Pearson) 11,739

Barnley: Springett, Flavell (Speedie), Collins, Glavin, Hunter, McCarthy, Little, Banks, Riley, Lester, Pugh.

Exeter: O'Keefe, Roberts (L), (Roberts (P)), Mitchell, Hore, Giles, Forbes, Neville, Rogers (P), Bowker, Pearson, Ireland.

BLACKPOOL (1) 1 (Bowey)
SHEFF. WED. (0) 1 (Mellor) 8,355

Blackpool: Hesford, Gardner, Pashley, Thompson, Ashurst, McEwan, Bowey, Kellow, Spence, Doyle, Weston.

Sheff. Wed.: Bolder, Strutt, Grant, Smith, Pickering, Hornsby, Mellor, Porterfield, Lowey, King, Curran.

BRENTFORD (1) 1 (McNichol)
COLCHESTER (0) 0 9,060

Brentford: Bond, Salman, Tucker, McNichol, Kruse, Fraser, Carlton, Graham, Smith (Shrubbs), Alder, Phillips.

Colchester: Walker, Cook, Packer, Leslie, Wignall, Dowman, Hodge, Gough, Foley, Allinson (Rowles), Lee.

BURY (2) 3 (Johnson, Madden, Hilton)
MILLWALL (0) 0 3,249

Bury: Forrest, Ritson, Halford, Howard, Waldron, Whitehead, Madden, Wilson, Johnson, Hilton, Mullen.

Millwall: Jackson, Donaldson, Gregory, Chatterton, Tagg, Blyth, Towner, Seasman, Mitchell, Lyons, Mehmet.

MANSFIELD (0) 1 (Taylor)
SWINDON (0) 1 (Williams) 4,425

Mansfield: Arnold, Thompson, Wood, Hamilton, Curtis, McClelland, Lathan, Taylor, Austin, Mann (Thomson), Allen.

Swindon: Allan, Lewis, Ford, McHale, Tucker, Stroud, Miller (Hamilton), Kamara, Rowland, Mayes, Williams.

OXFORD (0) 0
CHESTER (0) 1 (Rush) 4,026

Oxford: Burton, McIntosh, Fogg, Briggs, Stott, Jeffrey, Graydon, Duncan, Foley, Berry (Cooke), Brock.

Chester: Lloyd, Rayndr, Walker, Storton, Cotnam, Oakes, Sutcliffe, Jones, Rush, Phillips, Henderson.

PLYMOUTH (1) 4 (Johnson (pen.), Randall, Kemp, McDonald (o.g.))
CARLISLE (1) 2 (Ludlam, Bannon) 5,216

Plymouth: Crudgington, Hodges, McNeill, Randall, Foster, Phillipson-Masters, Trusson, Kemp, Sims, Bason, Johnson (James).

Carlisle: Swinburne, Hoolickin, Winstanley, MacDonald, Ludlam, Parker, McVitie (Beardsley), Bonnyman, Bannon, Hamilton, Staniforth.

READING (3) 3 (Kearney 2, Sanchez)
HULL (0) 0 6,665

Reading: Death, Hetzke, White, Bowman, Shipperley, Moreline, Earles, Kearney, Heale, Sanchez, Joslyn.

Hull: Blackburn, Nisbet, De Vries, Haigh, Dobson, Tait, Roberts, Moss, Edwards, Phillips (McDonald), Farley.

SHEFF. UTD (2) 4 (Butlin 2, Sabella, de Goey)
GILLINGHAM (0) 0 14,329

Sheff. Utd.: Conroy, Cutbush, Tibbott, Kenworthy, McPhail, Jones, de Goey, Bourne, Butlin, Garner, Sabella.

Gillingham: Hillyard, Sharpe (Hughes), Barker, Overton, Weatherly, Crabbe, Nicholl, Bruce, Price, Westwood, Richardson.

WIMBLEDON (0) 0
ROTHERHAM (0) 1 (Fern) 2,798

Wimbledon: Goddard, Briley, Jones, Galliers, Bowgett, Downes, Lewington, Parsons, Leslie, Cork, Dziadulewicz.

Rotherham: Mountford, Tiler, Breckin, Rhodes, Stancliffe, Green, Nix, McEwan, Gwyther, Fern, Finney.

Postponed: Blackburn v. Chesterfield.



Fourth Division

BRADFORD C (0) 0
HUDDERSFIELD (0) 0 10,509

Bradford C: Smith, Podd, Watson, Wood, Baines, Cooper, Bates, Dolan, Staniforth, McNiven, Martinez.

Huddersfield: Starling, Brown, Robinson, Stanton, Sutton, Topping, Laverick, Hart (Holmes), Purdie, Robins, Fletcher.

DARLINGTON (0) 0
NORTHAMPTON (0) 0 1,559

Darlington: Owers, Nattress, Cochrane, Ball, Craig, Smith, McLean, Charlton, Stalker, Taylor, Ellis.

Northampton: Poole, Walker, Sandercock, Byatt, Waldock, Farrington, Saunders, Denyer, Sargent, O'Donahue, Farmer.

HALIFAX (0) 0
PORT VALE (0) 0 1,798

Halifax: Kilner, Dunleavy, Hutt, Evans, Goodman, Hendrie, Smith, Kennedy, Mountford, Geidmentis (Burke), Stafford.

Port Vale: Dance, Keegan, Griffiths, Jones, Bowles, Sproson, Woolfall, Farrell, Wright, Beech, Bentley.



HARTLEPOOL (2) 3 (Loadwick, Newton 2)
HEREFORD (0) 0 2,281

Hartlepool: Burleigh, Sweeney, Normanton, Lawrence, Carr, Ayre, Gorry, Houchan, Newton, Harding, Loadwick.

Hereford: Hughes, Hunt, Burrows, Marshall, Cornes, Birchenall, Hendry, Spiring (Layton), McGrellis, Phillips, White.

LINCOLN (0) 1 (Cunningham)
BOURNEMOUTH (1) 1 (Holder) 3,469

Lincoln: Grotier, Carr, Neale, Watson (Guest), Saunders, Peake, Hobson, Cockrill, Harford, Cunningham, Ball.

Bournemouth: Allen, Cunningham, Ferns, Impey, Townsend, Chambers, Holder, MacDougall, Butler, Borthwick, Miller.

NEWPORT (0) 1 (Bruton, D)
CREWE (1) 1 (Chester) 4,718

Newport: Plumley, Walden, Relish, Oakes, Davies (Bruton, D), Bailey, Vaughan, Lowndes, Tynan, Aldridge, Moore.

Crewe: Felgate, Wilkinson, Bowers, Hunter, Scott, Prophett, McMahon, Guy, Chester, Nelson, Coyne (Lewis).

SCUNTHORPE (0) 1 (Cammack)
STOCKPORT (1) 1 (Bradd) 1,853

Scunthorpe: Gordon, Davy, Peacock, Deere, Hall, Oates, Cowling, Cammack, Green (Gibson), Pilling, Keeley.

Stockport: Lawson, Edwards, Rutter, Fogarty, Czuczman, Chapman, Lovell, Bradd, Henson, Park, Sword.

TORQUAY (3) 4 (Lawrence 2, Murphy 2)
YORK (1) 3 (Randall, Eccles, Wellings) 3,963

Torquay: Turner, Pethard, Ritchie, Larmour, Bourne, Sermanni, Davies, Lawrence, Cooper, Twichin, Murphy.

York: Brown, Clements, Kay, Stronach, Faulkner, James (Ford), Randall, Lorimer, Eccles, McDonald, Wellings.

WALSALL (1) 1 (McDonough)
PORTSMOUTH (0) 1 (Garwood) 7,468

Walsall: Green, Paul, Mower, Sbragia, Serella, Broadhurst, Penn, Williams, McDonough, Buckley, Caswell.

Portsmouth: Knight, Ellis, Viney, Brisley, Aizlewood, Davey, Garwood, Laidlaw, Hemmerman, Bryant, Rogers.

Scottish Premier

ABERDEEN (1) 1 (McLeish)
MORTON (1) 2 (Thompson, Ritchie) 11,000

Aberdeen: Clark, Kennedy, Rougvie, Jarvie, McLeish, Miller, Strachan, Archibald, Watson (Harper), McMaster, Scanlon.

Morton: Baines, Hayes, Holmes, Anderson, McLaughlin, Orr, McNeill, Hutchison (McLaren), Thomson, Russell (Tolmie), Ritchie.

DUNDEE UTD (0) 0
CELTIC (0) 1 (Edvaldsson) 16,000

Dundee Utd: McAlpine, Stark, Kopel, Phillip, Hagarty, Narey, Bannon, Sturrock, Pettigrew, Fleming, Payne.

Celtic: Latchford, Sneddon, McGrain, Aitken, McAdam, MacLeod, Provan, Sullivan, Edvaldsson, Conroy, Lennox.

HIBS (1) 1 (MacLeod)
KILMARNOCK (0) 1 (Maxwell) 7,000

Hibs: McArthur, Brazil, McGlinchey, Rae, Paterson, McNamara, Callaghan, MacLeod, Campbell, Higgins (Browns), Duncan.

Kilmarnock: McCulloch, McLean, Robertson, Clark, Clarke, McDicken, Gibson, Maxwell, Bourke, Mauchlen, Street.

PARTICK (2) 2 (Park, McAdam)
DUNDEE (0) 3 (Millar, Pirie, Sinclair) 5,000

Partick: Rough, McKinnon, Whittaker, Campbell, McAdam (McGregor), Anderson, Park, Gibson, O'Hara, Melrose, Doyle.

Dundee: Donaldson, Smart, Schaedler, Millar, Glennie, McGeachie, Fletcher (Shirra), McLaren, Pirie, Sinclair, Murphy.

ST. MIRREN (1) 2 (Bone, Somner (pen.))
RANGERS (1) 1 (Forsyth) 14,000

St. Mirren: Thomson, Young, Munro, Richardson, Fulton, Copland, Bone, Stark, Somner, McDougall, Weir.

Rangers: McCloy, Forsyth (A), Dawson, Stevens, Jardine, Watson, (MacKay), McLean, Miller (MacDonald, J), Johnstone, MacDonald (A), Dalziel.

Scottish First

ARBROATH (0) 1 (Mylles)
AIRDRIE (0) 0 1,218

BERWICK (2) 2 (Tait, McLeod)
MOTHERWELL (1) 2 (Irvine 2) 1,422

CLYDE (1) 1 (Hood)
DUNFERMLINE (0) 1 (McNaughton) 900

CLYDEBANK (1) 1 (Sweeney)
HEARTS (0) 1 (Fraser) 2,000

HAMILTON (0) 0
AYR (0) 0 2,500

RAITH (1) 1 (Ford)
ST. JOHNSTONE (1) 2 (Pelosi, Rutherford) 2,000

STIRLING (2) 2 (Irvine, Kennedy (A.))
DUMBARTON (2) 3 (McCluskey (2 pens), Brown) 1,000

Scottish Second

COWDENBEATH (0) 2 (Rolland, Moffat)
ALBION (1) 2 (Houston, Coyle) 769

FALKIRK (1) 2 (Leetion, Holt o.g.)
ALLOA (0) 0 2,000

LINE-UPS...RESULTS...SCORERS...

FORFAR (1) 2 (Mitchell, Bennett)
STENHOUSEMUIR (2) 3 (Jack, Murray, Hancock) 800

MEADOWBANK (0) 0
BRECHIN (0) 1 (Campbell (L.) (pen)) 200

QUEEN OF SOUTH (0) 1 (Phillips)
E. STIRLING (1) 2 (Grant, Ashwood) 700

QUEEN'S PARK (0) 1 (Gillespie)
MONTROSE (0) 0 500

STRANRAER (3) 4 (Baxter o.g., Gibb 2, McCutcheon)
E. FIFE (0) 2 (Neilson, Mackie (pen)) 500

Sunday, November 11

League of Ireland

BOHEMIANS (1) 1 (Byrne)
CORK UNITED (0) 0
Bohemians: Davis; Gregg, Brady, Kelly, Burke, Whelan, Lawless, McCormack, Byrne, Joyce, Eviston.
Cork United: Lennox; Neiland (B), Lane (R), Keane, Sheehan, Neiland (P), Waters (Ludzie), Punch, Lane (J), Murphy, Morley.

DUNDALK (0) 1 (Flanagan)
SHAMROCK ROVERS (0) 0
Dundalk: Blackmore; McConville, Dunning, Keely, Lawlor Martin, Devine, Flanagan, Byrne, Dainty (Daly), Lawlor Mick, Muckian.
Shamrock Rovers: O'Neill; Mulligan, Synnott, O'Leary, Burke, Meagan, Gannon, Gaffney, Byrne, Treacy, Buckley.

FINN HARPS (1) 1 (Logan)
ATHLONE TOWN (0) 2 (Devlin, Davis)
Finn Harps: McDermott; Ferry, Monagle, McDowell, Sheridan, Duffy (Collins), Logan, McLoughlin (C), McLoughlin (J) (McGowan), Minnock, McGroarty.
Athlone Town: Smyth; Feniuk, Smith, Davis, Whelan, Fullam, O'Connor, McCue (Shelley), Wyse, Clarke, Devlin.



GALWAY ROVERS (1) 1 (Cooke)
UCD (0) 0
Galway Rovers: Lally; Herrick, Sheehan, Murphy, McDaid, Nolan, Cooke, Daly (Mannion), Collins, Cassidy, Gaynor (Quinlivan).
UCD: McCabe; Doyle, Deeny, McDonnell, Fox, Scully, McGovern, Dignam (Evans), Cassidy, Drury, Moran.

ST PATRICK'S ATH (0) 2 (Carthy, Jameson)
LIMERICK UNITED (1) 1 (Walsh)
St Pat's Ath: O'Brien; Kearney, Murphy, Doyle, Daly, Malone, Munnally, Browning, Jameson, Carthy, Kirwan.
Limerick United: Fitzpatrick; Ryan, O'Mahony, Storan, Fitzgerald, Nolan, Hand, Walsh, Morris, Kennedy, Duggan (Matthews).

SHELBOURNE (0) 0
HOME FARM (0) 2 (Williams, McCluskey)
Shelbourne: Byrne; Higgins, Last, Ryan (Donnelly), Moody, McMahon, Hannon (Murphy), Buggie, Donovan, Delamere, Cleary.
Home Farm: Finnerty; Maher, Kelly, Brady, Breslin, Neville, Williams, McCluskey, Thomas (Archbold), King, O'Neill.

THURLES TOWN (0) 2 (Lawson, Steedman)
SLIGO ROVERS (1) 2 (Hulmes, Stenson)
Thurles Town: Dunne; Doran, McQuaid, O'Brien, Tierney, Heffernan, Conway (Lyons), Lawson, Steedman, Humphries, Jenkins.
Sligo Rovers: Patterson; Fielding, O'Doherty, Fagan (Sheridan), Rutherford, Stenson, McLoughlin, Patton, Bradley, Hulmes, Kavanagh.

WATERFORD (0) 1 (Tommy Keane)
DROGHEDA UNITED (0) 1 (Leech)
Waterford: Thomas, Keane, Tony, Gardiner (Hall), Finucane, Carey, Jackson, Murray, Madigan (Flanagan), Kirk, McCarthy, Keane, Tommy.
Drogheda United: Forrestal; Campbell, Cameron, Byrne, Ferguson, Freeney, Leech, Martin, Tuite, Clarke, Carthy.

Monday, November 12

Fourth Division

TRANMERE (1) 1 (Beamish)
PORT VALE (0) 1 (Wright) 2,140
Tranmere: Johnson, Mathias, Flood, Bramhall, Edwards, Evans, O'Neil, Craven, Kerr (Lumby), Beamish, Peplow.
Port Vale: Dance, Keenan, Griffiths, Beech, Bowles, Sproson, Woolfall (Chamberlain), Farrell, Wright, Jones, Bentley.

Berwick's Ian McLeod (stripes) on his way to goal in the 2-2 draw against Motherwell.

Tuesday, November 13

League Cup Fourth Round Replay

ARSENAL (2) 4 (Stapleton 2, Vaessen 2)
BRIGHTON (0) 0 30,351
Arsenal: Jennings, Devine, Nelson, Talbot, O'Leary, Young, Brady, Vaessen, Stapleton, Price, Rix.
Brighton: Moseley, Cattlin, Williams, Horton, Foster, Stevens, Geard (Ryan), Poskett, Clarke, Clark, O'Sullivan.



First Division

EVERTON (4) 5 (Latchford 3, Kidd, Hart o.g.)
LEEDS (0) 1 (Hird) 23,000
Everton: Hodge, Gidman, Bailey, Wright, Higgins, Ross, Hartford, Stanley, Latchford (Lyons), Kidd, King.
Leeds: Lukic, Cherry, Stevenson, Greenhoff, Hart, Madeley, Hird, Entwistle, Hamson, Curtis, Gray.

Third Division

GILLINGHAM (1) 1 (Price)
SOUTHEND (0) 0 5,286
Gillingham: Hillyard, Young, Armstrong, Overton, Weatherley, Crabbe, Nicholl, Bruce, Price, Westwood (Funnell), Richardson.
Southend: Cawston, Dudley, Moody, Hadley, Pountney, Stead, Otulekowsky, Tuohy, Parker, Nelson (Hull), Gray.
Postponed: Hartlepool v. Wigan.

Wednesday, Nov. 14

League Cup Fourth Round Replay

NOTTM FOREST (2) 3 (O'Neill, Anderson, Woodcock)
BRISTOL C (0) 0 20,462
Nottm Forest: Shilton, Anderson, Gray, McGovern, Lloyd, Needham, O'Neill (Bowyer), Francis, Birtles, Woodcock, Robertson.
Bristol C: Shaw, Sweeney, Kenyon, Mabbutt, Hay, Merrick, Fitzpatrick, Ritchie, Royle (Gillies), Mann, Tainton.

Second Division

CHELSEA (1) 2 (Frost, Fillery)
WEST HAM (1) 1 (Holland) 30,859
Chelsea: Borota, Locke, Sparrow, Bumstead, Droy, Chivers, Britton, Fillery, Frost, Walker, Harris.
West Ham: Ferguson, Stewart, Lampard, Bonds, Martin, Holland, Allen (Lansdowne), Devonshire, Cross, Brooking, Neighbour.

Third Division

BLACKBURN (1) 1 (Crawford)
CHESTERFIELD (0) 0 5,955
Blackburn: Arnold, Branagan, Morley, Kendall, Kealey, Fazackerley, Brotherston, Crawford, Craig, McKenzie, Metcalfe.
Chesterfield: Tingay, Tarrt, O'Neill, Ridley, Green, Kowalski, Birch, Moss, Walker, Salmon, Crawford.

Scottish League Cup Quarter-Finals, Second Leg

DUNDEE (0) 1 (Pirie)
HAMILTON (0) 0 5,696
Dundee: Donaldson, Barr, Turnbull (Shirra), Millar, Glennie, McGeechie, Fletcher, MacLaren, Pirie, Sinclair, Murphy (Davidson).
Hamilton: Ferguson, Frew, Young, Gormley, McDougall, Alexander, Fairlie, Graham, Howie (McGregor), McCulloch, Wright.

RAITH (0) 0
DUNDEE UTD (0) 1 (Hegarty) 6,838
Raith: McDermott, Houston, Candish, Ford, Forsyth, Thomson (D), Wallace (Thomson R.), Urquhart, Harrow, Carrol (Duncan), Miller.
Dundee Utd: McAlpine, Stark, Kopel, Phillip, Hegarty, Narey, Bannon, Sturrock, Pettigrew, Dodds, Payne (Milne).

Postponed: Celtic v. Aberdeen, Kilmarnock v. Morton.

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The men from Firthrills

THERE'S an old soccer saying in Scotland that runs straight and true. Simply, it is: 'Firhill For Thrills!'

Firhill, or course, is home of Partick Thistle, a team who refuse to be pushed into the background in Glasgow despite the almost overwhelming presence of the Old Firm, Celtic and Rangers.

Thistle are something like the condemned man who keeps getting an unexpected reprieve. Just when it looks as though they are down and out, they come bouncing back with an exhilarating string of displays and results and they live again.

It's not easy, though, having to compete with the likes of Celtic and Rangers for supporters, but Thistle have managed it successfully since 1876, the year they were formed.

They have provided entertainment, good humour and personalities in their lengthy history. Present-day international star Alan Rough seems to encapsulate all the qualities a Firhill character requires.

Not since the hapless Frank Haffey has a Scottish goalkeeper created so much controversy. Lawrie McMenemy says he is the weak link of the Scottish side; Malcolm Allison says he cannot handle high balls; Jimmy Hill says he has no confidence in a side that has

Rough in goal.

All good meaty, topical stuff and Rough admits: 'When I was first included in a Scottish international pool one Anglo, obviously a bit of a joker, came up to me and asked: 'What is a Partick Thistle, anyway?' I take it all in good fun.

'Admittedly, there was a time when I was eager to get a chance to prove myself in English football and I heard a lot of whispers, but now I am satisfied at Firhill.

'A move still interests me, of course, but I am content to get on with my game.'

Whether English critics like it or not, Rough has also been good for Thistle. When they stood the soccer world on its head in 1972 by walloping Celtic 4-1 in the League Cup Final, there were critics who

still thought the Parkhead men could win the trophy although they trailed by a mammoth four goals at the interval.

It is worth remembering that second-half display by Rough. Straight from the kick-off he made an astonishing twisting save from a close-range hook shot from Lou Macari and minutes later fisted away a netbound effort from Kenny Dalglish.

Bobby Murdoch sent in a whizz-bang effort from 20 yards, but again Rough saved the day with a remarkable full length save. Rough versus Celtic until the final whistle and Thistle had claimed their first major trophy in 50 years.

Is it little wonder Jock Stein still thinks highly of Rough? After all, he sat in the Celtic dug-out that afternoon and watched his team defied by the big, blond Partick 'keeper.

'That was a great day for the club,' recalls Rough, who set a Scottish goalkeeper's record when he picked up his 29th cap in the European Championship match

against Belgium in Brussels — one better than Bill Brown.

'We took a real hammering in that second-half, but there was no way we were going to allow Celtic back into the game. It was a remarkable game, really. I remember the Celtic fans applauding us at the end of the match... that was a nice gesture.'

Thistle's name will be forever imprinted in the history books with that sensational win that shook everyone.

Proud

Partick Thistle are proud to be a Premier Division club. They have come in for some criticism for their defence-in-depth tactics away from home, but manager Bertie Auld, the former genius of Celtic's European Cup winning midfield, refuses to listen to these arguments.

He won't listen to his side being called a negative team and says: 'Come along to Firhill and judge for yourself. That's the only way to find out.'

Actually, Thistle could do with a lot more people going along to see them in action on match day. They are working on a shoestring with a team comprised of part-timers and they deserve great encouragement and a bigger support.

After all, as that saying goes, it's Firhill for Thrills. What more can a fan ask for?



Manager Bertie Auld (right) has transformed Partick into a Premier Division permanent fixture, aided by the form of Scottish international 'keeper Alan Rough. Here Rough saves from St Mirren's Frank McDougall (right) as Partick team-mate Jackie Campbell closes in.



PARTICK THISTLE



BACK ROW (left to right): Bobby Houston (now Kilmarnock), Gordon McGregor, Jackie Campbell, Peter Kerrings, Ally McLean, Alan Rough, Alan Kay, Sandy Frame, Ronnie Sheed, George Mackie.
CENTRE ROW: Dave Provan (coach), Jim Malrose, Henry Creaney, Ian Gibson, Iain Jackson, Andy Anderson, Jim Marr, Brian Whittaker, Jacky Davidson, Alex O'Hara, Alex MacKenzie, Donald Park, Donnie

MacKinnon (physio).
FRONT ROW: Jackie Husband (coach), Bertie Auld (manager), Gordon Taylor, Colin McAdam, Billy McLeod, John Marr, George Clark, David MacKinnon, Ian McDonald, Jamie Doyle, David Greer, Pat Quinn (coach).

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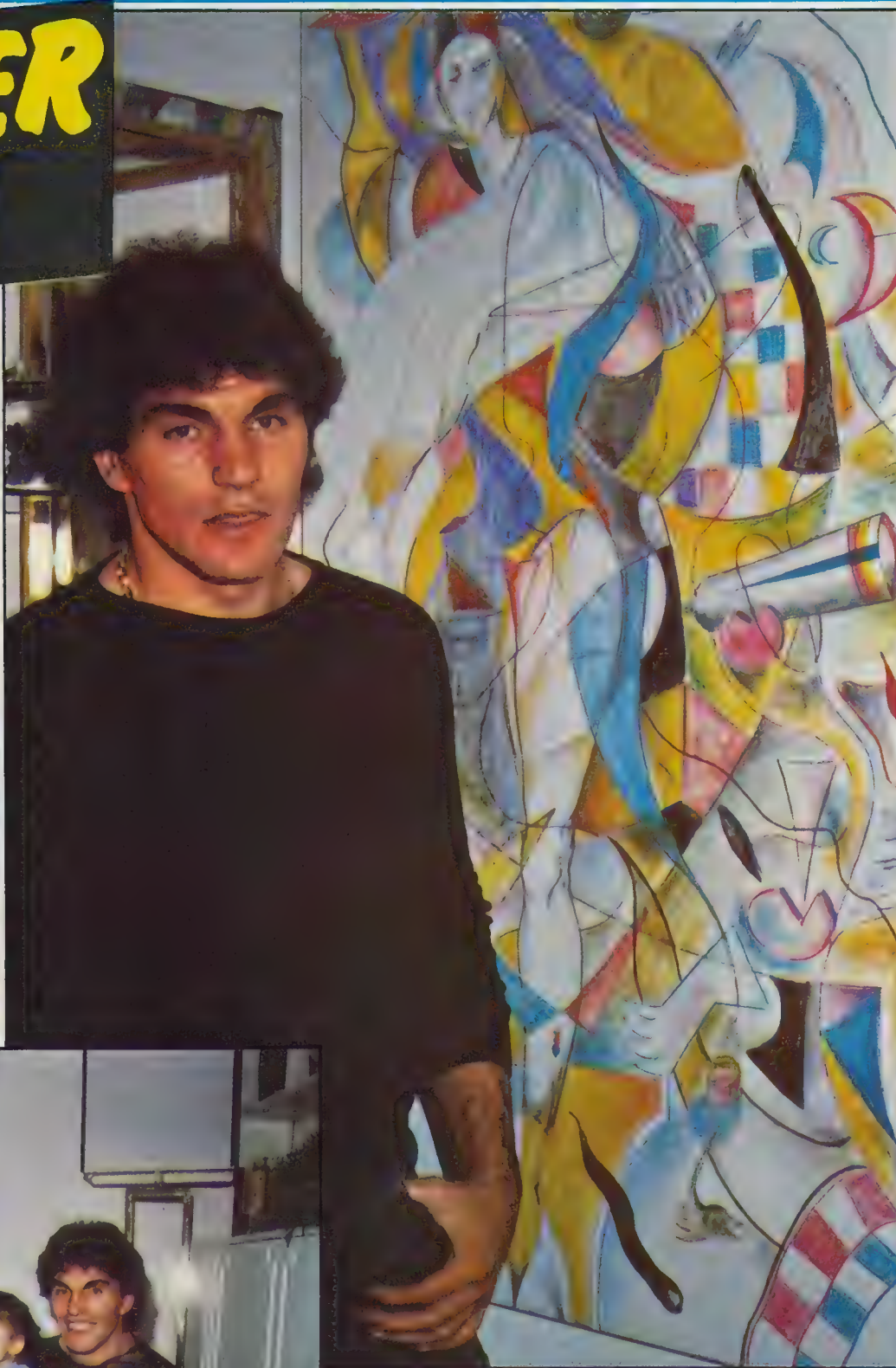
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PAINTER PETAR



CHELSEA goalkeeper Petar Borota has a safe pair of hands. The Yugoslav has quickly become one of London's personality players, and when he isn't playing for Chelsea, Petar can usually be found at his splendid Putney house. There, he loves to paint and early next year hopes to have an art show in London. In Yugoslavia, Petar studied at the Graphics College, Belgrade, arriving at 8 a.m. before going to training. Our photos show Petar with one of his paintings, which adorn his home. Petar's lovely wife, Biba, was a fashion model in Yugoslavia and they certainly make a handsome couple. Petar's daughters, Mirela (five) and Barbara (two) enjoy watching their dad paint and, as our photo (left) shows, he is also a hi-fi fan. While he paints, he loves to listen to classical music on his stereo system. Petar is more than just a safe pair of hands . . . !

SHOOT!

DOUBTS as to whether Kevin Beattie would win another England cap were dispelled within three matches of his first team comeback this season.

Ron Greenwood was taking a strong England line-up to Portman Road for Ipswich manager Bobby Robson's testimonial game. And when it was discovered that Wolves skipper Emlyn Hughes had to pull out through injury, the England boss knew exactly who was going to be his replacement.

He asked Robson if Beattie could be "transferred" for the night to the England side and the Town boss was quick to agree, pointing out: "It's too good a chance for the lad to miss."

"It's a tragedy he has only won nine caps for his country. Getting him back to the Ipswich side was like going into the transfer market and spending a million pounds on a new player."

Confident

A fully fit Beattie will certainly boost the Ipswich fight to climb the First Division and the player himself is confident that the injury problems that have dogged him for the past two seasons are now well and truly behind him.

The 26-year-old defender says: "I feel in great shape, better than I've done for a long while. I'm keeping my fingers crossed that there will be no more problems."

"I've had a couple of wasted years, in and out of the Ipswich side with one injury after another and several operations. That's been bad enough but I've also had to watch the England revival from the sidelines."

Beattie started the 1979-80 season in plaster after a summer operation on his suspect right knee. After it had been removed he was then packed off to a rehabilitation centre in Berkshire where, under strict supervision, he began the

long fight for fitness.

He continues: "I'm a quick-healer but I had come back too soon on a couple of previous occasions and done myself more harm than good, thinking I was ready but then having to start all over again. This time I decided to take my time."

"I worked hard, of course, and never allowed myself to shirk. It was a great feeling to get the power back in my leg and eventually have a run with the reserves."

It didn't take Bobby Robson long to realise that a fit Beattie would bolster a side surprisingly struggling at the wrong end of the table.

Says Robson: "In my ten years here at Ipswich only two players have had that special appeal to the fans. Our Dutch midfield player Arnold Mühren is one, and Kevin is the other."

"In Kevin's case it was his sheer physique that caused a stir. He's one of the best players I've ever seen in the air and his power in tackling and recovering is just incredible."

"I'm not saying that the Kevin of today is as good as the version we saw a couple of years ago. But he's just turned 26 and still has the time to have a great future in the game."

Beattie is also extremely popular with his team-mates, and Ipswich skipper Mick Mills says: "He's a little bit special. Whenever I think of Kevin I remember an F.A. Cup tie against Sheffield United some years back when he was still a

newcomer in the side.

"We were 1-0 down at home and just before the interval Kevin completely turned the game in our favour with two headed goals. The fans were still cheering the first one when he did it again. It was fantastic."

"He was just a kid when he came into the side but he took to it like a duck to water. There was no sign of nerves and he looked the part right from his first kick. He's had some bad luck since then but hopefully we've heard the last of his injury problems."

His impressive start with Ipswich earned him the PFA's first-ever "Young Player of the Year"

award and there was talk at one stage of Kevin being the natural successor to former skipper Bobby Moore in England's number six shirt. But, amazingly enough, his nine caps to date were earned as a full-back.

"Don Revie thought I could play at left-back because of my pace. But I'm twice the player in the middle of the defence. All I want now is a chance to prove it."

"The way looks clear for someone to take over in the England side because players like Dave Watson and Emlyn Hughes aren't getting any younger. Now that I'm back I'll be putting on the pressure for a place."

If Kevin can at last overcome the injury jinx Ipswich boss Robson will have cause to look back on Coventry's £500,000 offer for the player and know he made the right decision in turning it down.

And Kevin adds: "That suited me fine. I'm in no hurry to leave Ipswich because I've felt at home here ever since I came down from Carlisle as a kid. They've looked after me well and they've been patient with me too. Now I'd like to repay them."

BEATTIE'S 'TRANSFER' SIGNALS ENGLAND COMEBACK



Kevin Beattie is used to taking the knocks. Here he is on the receiving end from Italy's Romeo Benetti in one of his nine England appearances.



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This week's Star Letter comes from C. S. Hardy, Hon. Secretary of King's Lynn Football Club, although the Special Prize of £5 goes to a very special player.

WRIGHT'S RECORD

★ I know you don't often deal with non-League clubs, but last month Mick Wright, captain of King's Lynn FC, completed 1,061 senior competitive games for us. This, I have been informed by the Football Association, is an all-time record number of appearances for one club in England.

Mick has also played in over 100 friendly and reserve matches and has never been booked.

Jimmy Hill has a lot to thank Mick for. In 1961, we beat Coventry City 2-1 at Highfield Road in the Second Round of the F.A. Cup, with Mick scoring the winning goal.

Shortly after this, The Sky Blues sacked their manager and appointed Jimmy Hill.

I'm sure any player will appreciate what a marvellous achievement Mick's is, whatever class of football it might be.

● Everyone on SHOOT sends congratulations to Mick — and as a bonus, we're sending him the £5 prize and one of our T-shirts to mark his record.

Less T.V., Lawrie

AS a Southampton supporter, I agree with 99 per cent of the things Lawrie McMenamy does. He's a successful manager who knows what he's doing and you have to respect him for that.

However, during the last few years, he has been making more T.V. appearances than other managers and now, it seems, every time you turn on a sports programme he is voicing his opinion in his famous Geordie accent.

I thought his appearance on Michael Parkinson's show was embarrassing, and does he really need to advertise lager?

I admit players and managers have the right to earn more money 'on the side', but they should always concentrate most on their clubs.

If these people who make frequent T.V. appearances (and Lawrie isn't the only one) paid more attention to the game itself rather than turning themselves into personalities their clubs would benefit.

F. HARRISON, OADB.

● Saints have slipped badly recently and it is an alarming thought that when they were last relegated, they were in fifth place in December.

Reign over?

AS soon as Liverpool lose one game, people start asking if their reign is over. As an Ipswich supporter, I'm learning this season that one defeat is certainly NOT the end of the world.

KEITH WINTER, LOWESTOFT.

● When you lose as seldom as Liverpool, it's quite an occasion to finish second.

Pen Pal

I'm a 13-year-old Finnish boy and I would like to correspond with an English boy who supports Arsenal.

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Reality

ENGLAND'S revival is just a flash in the pan. Teams like Italy and West Germany will regard them as second-class opposition in the European Championship Finals. My own country are as good as, if not better than England. Kevin Keegan is their only world-class player. I shudder to think what would happen if he were injured. England are fooling themselves and will come to terms with reality in Italy.

DEREK POUTCH, DUBLIN.

● If Eire are so good, how come they haven't won an away game for over 20 matches?



MORTON aren't a one-man band



Skipper Davie Hayes (right) rates Roy Baines the best 'keeper in Scotland.

IF you think Morton — the shock team of Scottish soccer this season — are a one-man band comprising Andy Ritchie, then you couldn't be more wrong.

Ritchie is certainly the personality of a workmanlike side, but the emphasis at Cappielow is on team work and several players are enjoying a consistently successful spell.

Goalkeeper Roy Baines, for instance, hardly gets the headlines, but his performances this season have been immense. His teammates are not blinded by loyalty, but they say he is easily the best 'keeper in the Premier Division.

"It's a crying shame he is English," says skipper Davie Hayes of Derby-born Baines. "If he was a Scot there would be no goalkeeping problem to worry about. We all rate him very highly and so do opponents."

Baines' new found confidence has helped him save three out of five penalties this season. One other shot went over the bar, and only Partick Thistle's Colin McAdam has found success.

The 'keeper admits to a little bit of gamesmanship before the kick is actually taken and he puts it down to a trick he picked up from Peter Shilton.

"I noticed that Shilton tries to put off the kicker," says Baines. "Just before the player takes the kick, the 'keeper turns away as if he is not ready. It's just a little thing, but it is effective."

Another "trick" from Baines is to place his spare gloves away from the corner of the net as the kicker stands waiting to take his shot.

"If you place something in the far corner it gives players something to aim at," says Baines. "I'm not going to give them any advantage at all. I place them in the middle of my goal. If they want to aim there, that's okay with me!"

Baines has certainly known the ups and downs of soccer life. He left Derby for a trial with Celtic ten years ago. Former Parkhead supremo Jock Stein didn't sign him, but tipped off former Hibs boss Bob Shankly — a great friend and brother of Bill.

Shankly gave him a trial and was more impressed than Stein. He signed the 'keeper and he became a hit with the Easter Road fans with his acrobatic ability and safe handling. However, he hit a bad spell and couldn't recapture his top form. Subsequently, he was freed and moved on to Morton.

Consistency

At Cappielow he began the fight back to consistency and a certain Jock Stein was beginning to have second thoughts about the blond-haired Englishman.

When Stein decided he needed cover for Peter Latchford, he moved in for Baines. Stein parted with £10,000 and Andy Ritchie to take the 'keeper to Parkhead. Morton fans have a lot to thank Roy Baines for.

Baines played well enough for the Celtic first team, but he was never given the extended run a lot of Parkhead fans thought he deserved. Two seasons ago he moved back to Morton for £15,000.

"Obviously I was disappointed I didn't make it with Celtic," says Baines, "but I have no regrets now. Morton are moving in the right direction and it's great to be involved."

"The whole town is buzzing and things are really happening. I'm making no predictions, but I know we have a great team here that can win things. Everyone is doing their bit for the team and there is a wonderful atmosphere."

'I'M NOT GOING

CONTRARY to recent newspaper reports, Brian Clough and Peter Taylor are not about to leave Nottingham Forest — or at least that's what they told the players.

As I said in my last column things haven't been going right for the team recently, especially away from home.

The 4-1 disaster at Derby County on November 24th brought our third successive League defeat for the first time in four years and at once the speculation and rumours were splashed in newspapers up and down the country.

Forest, the side that for two years had averaged just one defeat every 15 matches had lost their sixth of the season.

By our high standards we were going through a nightmare. No wonder the boss and Peter Taylor were angry. Their comments were widely reported and the usual questions asked.

Was the team going to be ripped apart? Were we about to lose the partnership that had delivered Forest from the edge of doom?

No we weren't! On the eve of our four day trip to Egypt, the boss declared his intentions of staying.

"I'm not about to abandon you," he said. "I take enough bouquets when we are going well, so I must expect to collect a few wreaths when things are not going right."

By the time you read this I hope Forest will have sorted out their problems and recovered the form that won the European Cup last season.

Pyramids

I'll give you more details of our trip and visit to the Sphinx and pyramids next week.

"The way you've been playing I've a good mind to throw a few of you off there," said Brian Clough.

He was only joking, of course. Well, I hope he was.

There was even a hint that international duty with England before the Derby match affected the form of myself, Peter Shilton and Trevor Francis... that we were suffering a Wembley hangover as a result of the postponement of the game on the Wednesday night because of fog.

Peter didn't play against Bulgaria, of course, but Trevor and I did and didn't feel in the least tired on Saturday.

We were all naturally disappointed the game didn't go on as scheduled. We were all geared up for the Wednesday night.

It was a bit strange playing on a Thursday night I must admit.

As you know England won easily, 2-0, but I wasn't too pleased with my performance... until Ron Greenwood took me aside in the dressing-room afterwards and told me I had done well in my third international.



He also congratulated our two debutants Kevin Reeves and Glenn Hoddle.

What amazed me was their confidence, especially Reevesie who came in at the last minute for Kevin Keegan after he was recalled to Hamburg.

Glenn looked a world class player in the making, especially the way he took his goal. It was a gem and will be remembered long after this match has been forgotten.

He was delighted... overwhelmed when it went in. Yet a few moments earlier he whispered to me that he was shattered.

As usual the Press criticised the England performance, Ron Greenwood's 15th victory in 22 matches as manager.

Okay perhaps we should have scored six, yet we won easily enough and played some good football at times.

I thought Ron Greenwood made a good point afterwards when he said the reason for our failure to annihilate a poor Bulgarian side was our complete dominance.

England had too much possession. Players more used to constant pressure, the need to fight for every ball and yard of space suddenly found themselves with the freedom of Wembley.

It was like Forest playing Burton Albion at home in the F.A. Cup. We just couldn't turn our superiority into goals.

Anyhow I'm not here to justify England's victory. We won and that is what the game is all about. England have got into the habit of doing just that which can't be bad can it?

The champagne flowed in the dressing-room afterwards, because



Tony Woodcock training with his new club Cologne.

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we had qualified for the Finals of a major international tournament for the first time since the European Championship in 1968.

My dad should have been there to share the celebrations but unfortunately he had to work. A couple of my mates managed to make the trip for the second night running.

One sad moment of the evening was saying goodbye to my close friend Tony Woodcock, who signed for Cologne a few days before the match.

I grew up with Woody. We joined Forest together, became apprentices at the same time, made our debuts within a few days of each other and I was best man at his wedding.

I'll miss him — so will Forest. How do you replace a player of his calibre?

Tony's special qualities, are his speed, confidence, courage and ability to turn defenders.

He's tremendous up-front playing off someone. I reckon Woody was at his very best two seasons ago when Peter Withe was at the City Ground. Now, of course, he's with (no pun intended) Newcastle.

I'm sure Tony, will be a huge success in Cologne... when he's settled down to their way of life.

I know Kevin Keegan influenced Tony's decision to go to West Germany.

Kevin told him the early weeks would be the worst, when the Press and fans will be demanding something special from their country's most expensive import to date.

Although many of his team-mates speak English, the language will be a barrier. But I'm certain Tony will beat all that and like Kevin emerge a much better player for the experience.

CONTINENTAL'



I never thought he'd leave Forest. I honestly believed he'd accept Brian Clough's offer of a new improved contract and stay on.

But money wasn't the reason for Woody going... nor was there any aggro between him and the manager. Brian Clough and Peter Taylor did everything in their power to keep him at Forest.

Tony went because Cologne presented the challenge he's always wanted.

"The time is right, Viv," he said to me. "I've got to go while Carol and I are young enough and have no children. The easiest thing to do would be to stay. It's a heck of a lot tougher leaving."

One of the conditions of the move was that Tony will be released for England duty.

Someone asked me the other day if I've any ambitions of following Tony to the Continent.

If a top European club made an approach I'd obviously have to listen and think seriously about it, but up to now I haven't even thought about leaving Forest. I'm very happy here and have no intentions of going to West Germany, Spain, Italy... or anywhere.

I certainly wish Tony every suc-

cess, as does everyone at Forest.

He'll be back at the City Ground soon, though, because West Germany have a mid-winter break and he's promised to come in and see a few matches.

This Saturday (December 15th), Forest entertain Middlesbrough, one of the most improved sides of the season.

We beat Boro in the League Cup this season, 3-1 at Ayresome Park, but generally they are the sort of team that gives Forest problems.

You have to score early on against the Boro's of the First Division because they improve as the game goes on.

They proved that last season at the City Ground.

Forest were two goals ahead at half-time through Garry Birtles and Martin O'Neill, but Boro pulled back to 2-2 and took a deserved point home to Ayresome.

I'll be back in next week's Christmas issue... as a special treat.

Kid Buckle

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Bolton

'We simply haven't been good enough'

NEIL McNAB

WE have all been very disappointed at the way things have gone. I know sides in our position tend to make excuses but the only thing you can really say is we haven't been good enough up to this stage. But there are real reasons for that.

We haven't had a settled side.

We have not scored as many goals as we should have done and that has added to the pressure on us. Frank Worthington scored a hatful last season but when he came back from America, he wasn't able to recapture his goalscoring form and has recently joined Birmingham.

Goals have been our main problem. We scored just 12 in our first 16 games and had won only one of our first eight home League matches. Other struggling teams had lost three or four at home but we'd won one, lost one, drawn six. That was a crazy home record.

The chances were there, we were just not taking them. And when the front men miss them, it adds to the pressure on the others. I admit I haven't done as well as I would have liked. I had a family problem which didn't help my form and it all mounts up.

The problem is that once you're down there in trouble, it takes an almighty effort to reverse all the early results and trends — and get right up the table. It can be done but it's extremely hard.



Everton

'Losing is a dangerous habit'

ANDY KING

EVERYONE must know how fanatical an Evertonian I am so it's been terribly hard for me to come to terms with our problems. I think there have been several factors involved, but despite all the reasons, it's still the same old feeling of disappointment when you come to face the problems every Saturday afternoon.

On the field, it's the same old story. We have been conceding too many goals and not scoring enough. But just because I'm a midfield player, don't think I'm

ducking the blame. I'm as responsible as the next man.

We have missed a winger to provide a good service for Bob Latchford. He hasn't scored the number of goals he got last season and that has made a difference, of course. We haven't been playing well as individuals nor as a side. Players just haven't been playing up to form although the injuries and disruptions haven't helped either.

I am especially disappointed because I signed a new contract at the start of the season. I knew this was one of the best clubs in the land — and I still think that.

It's not for the lack of quality players on the Goodison pay-roll. We may have lost some players but the fact is we have replaced them with equally good men.

Look at our full-back John Bailey who came from Blackburn — he has been our best player this season. Those at the club are good enough to win something but they haven't played their best football or anything like it, as yet. That has been the problem.

I know one thing — I don't want to get into the habit of losing. That is a dangerous thing to do. No one remembers losers and I want to be a winner. That's why I'll be fighting as hard as I can for Everton in every match. It's only with that sort of determination and commitment that we can put things right. It may take a while to do it but I know we have the players to succeed. And Everton are always a club with the cash, to go out and buy — big.

We have had the occasional fine win this season and that has proved to me that we can do it. But we've also had some bad results and, to be quite honest, we just haven't looked like the old side. Things just haven't clicked and it is up to the players to make them start.

It's all very well blaming the manager and anyone else associated with the team. But we are the people that get the results and no matter what the boss wants, it is really down to his team at the end of the day. All we can do now is to keep battling away.

We need to win something — soon. It would lift us all. But the only route to that trophy is by sheer, hard work.



Stoke

**'Very hard
for promoted
clubs'**

**BRENDAN
O'CALLAGHAN**

WE took a lot of criticism after some of our displays in the first third of the League programme. People said we were unattractive, boring to watch and a few other things. But I don't think it has made any difference to the way we are planning our First Division campaign this season — and it shouldn't.

The fact is, it's very hard for any side coming up into First Division football. The teams that are promoted from Division Two at the end of this season will find exactly the same in 1980-81.

It's easy for people to knock us and say we're ultra-defensive. But ask any successful side where they started building a good team and they'll tell you, defence.

You must be tight at the back before you can think of attack and that's what we have been concentrating on this season. If that department is right, you can then think of working on midfield and attack. But even if you've got the best attack in the world, it's no good if you are letting in goals. That wouldn't make any sense whatsoever.

Need cash

Crystal Palace were fortunate. They had the benefit from a youth policy which had been in operation at the club for some years and the products came good just as they were ready to go into the First Division.

They also had the cash to go out and spend more than £1m on just two players — Mike Flanagan and Gerry Francis. We haven't got that sort of money so we've had to make do with what we have and get the best out of our players.

I think the boss, Alan Durban, is on the look-out but it's not easy when you haven't got vast sums of money available. Where do you get good players at reasonable prices these days?

We made a steady start; nothing spectacular. We had our early disappointments and successes. We earned a fine 0-0 draw at Arsenal but everyone moaned because we went for a point and got it.

Most sides do that, but the critics expect us to go to a place like Highbury and play them off the park in attack. Not even Liverpool and Nottingham Forest would do that, yet they expect us to.



Ipswich

**'Not scored
sufficient
goals'**

ARNOLD MUHREN

THE rest of the football world is not the only group startled to see Ipswich Town at the wrong end of the First Division. We are horribly surprised, too, and we don't like it at all down there.

We have had many problems with injuries throughout the club. It is not just the first team players, so many from the senior side and the reserves have had knocks. Consequently, we have not been able to field a settled side. It is not the way to build a good, effective side that is full of confidence and winning matches.

I must say I am also responsible for the results. I have not played as I can and I know that. I have been injured and missed several games, including a spell of five matches just before we lost our U.E.F.A. Cup match to Grasshoppers of

Switzerland.

I have found it hard to play well when the side has been struggling. It is never easy in a team that is losing regularly.

However, I do not think you will see Ipswich Town near the bottom of the First Division for too long. We have players of ability in our side and once we are all fit and well, I think we can repeat our performances of last season.

Then, we had a poor start and struggled badly in our first 19 League games. But in the second half, we lost only two of our last 23 matches and beat sides such as Arsenal, Everton and Manchester City to gain a U.E.F.A. Cup place. And we must repeat that form again.

Our problem early on was that we could not find a regular partner for Paul Mariner in attack. So many players were injured that Paul had to play almost alone at times. Against First Division defences, that is almost impossible to do. And midfield men like myself were not scoring many goals either.

We scored only 12 goals in our first 15 matches and were naturally very disappointed. But I don't feel there is any reason for us to be depressed for too long. We have the players to do better and I am sure everyone in the First Division would say we were in a false position.

Obviously the Ipswich fans are disappointed to see their side struggling. But we are all certain we will not be staying down there for very long. We have too many good players for that.



I am sure our supporters will see us improve if they're patient. We need the confidence only results can bring but if you achieve them at places like Highbury, it helps the side enormously. That's just the sort of performance to boost our confidence.

I'm as much of a newcomer to the First Division as anyone; probably more so than most, in fact. I was playing in the Fourth with Doncaster Rovers less than two years ago so I'm bound to want some time to settle into the ways of top class football.

We will be all right because we battle for each other and keep going. Those are essential qualities and I reckon we've got both.

Everyone at the club has worked extremely hard to regain our First Division status, and we are not going to allow all that effort to go to waste.

Consolidation is the key word at the Victoria Ground this season, and I am confident that we can succeed in gaining a respectable mid-table position.

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Double trouble

Dave Thomas and Peter Barnes
talk about their problems of
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DAVE Thomas and Peter Barnes are considered to be two of the best wingers in the country — and yet they have both experienced problems settling into their new clubs.

Thomas, signed from Everton for £325,000 at the end of September, has struggled to make an explosive mark in a Wolves side promising to be one of the most improved First Division clubs this season.

Barnes, signed from Manchester City in the summer in a £750,000 deal, has also found it difficult to produce his exciting form in a West Brom side that must have seemed made to measure for his talents.

And yet both players have been left wondering what's happened. Barnes, bought to replace Laurie Cunningham at The Hawthorns following the £900,000 transfer of the "Black Flash" to Real Madrid, admits: "It's not been easy. That's for sure."

While Thomas, who earned eight England caps, looked tailor-made for the job of stepping up the ammunition for the Andy Gray-John Richards spearhead but says: "It's been frustrating trying to adjust to Wolves' way of thinking."

Barnes, 22, injured an Achilles tendon 24 hours before England's European Championship game against Northern Ireland in Belfast on October 17, and suddenly found himself on the sidelines.

England won 5-1 and when Barnes had recovered from injury he found that Albion's record scorer Tony Brown had grabbed his place as manager Ron Atkinson changed his tactical formation.

Barnes sat on the subs' bench three times as well as playing in the reserves to step up match fitness and he said: "There wasn't much I could do about it when I returned from injury because the team had started to pick up some good results."

"I must admit it was certainly harder for me to settle into the side than I had anticipated on my arrival from Manchester City."

"The trouble is that the fans expect miracles every time you touch the ball — especially if you are a winger — and that can be very frustrating both for you and the crowd."

"It's never easy fitting into a new side. There have to be adjustments and there has to be time allowed to get used to the way colleagues play. It's one thing playing against them — but it's another adapting to them."

Atkinson, who has helped promote West Brom's reputation for attacking football, was quick to swoop for Barnes as a replacement for Cunningham and says: "Peter has got great skills and pace. I couldn't have picked a better player to fill the gap."

"I know he's had a few problems getting into his stride but all that will be sorted out. Wingers can appear to be a little inconsistent and Cunningham was also in this bracket."

Thomas has proved in a career with Burnley, Q.P.R. and Everton that he is one of the best exponents at crossing the ball from any angle and under pressure.

But as Wolves assistant Richie Barker insists: "Wingers in the game are a bit of a luxury. As I see it they must produce at least three balls every match good enough to be finished off in front of goal."

Impact

Thomas has been handicapped by a niggling hamstring injury but his introduction into the side certainly didn't produce a great impact and Barker added: "He has got to come to terms with the fact he's a Wolves player and that means a different approach to the job."

"It's no good him playing the Everton way at Molineux. I like flair players but they have also got to be involved in the team effort and that also means tracking back to help."

Thomas explains: "I know what I was bought for, especially with a spearhead involving the likes of Andy Gray and John Richards. That's good enough for any winger to aim at."

"But it's also a question of style. I don't feel as though I'm being played as an out and out winger and I've had to try and get used to a different approach to the job."

"This looks to be a very exciting time for Wolves after many years without success. The club is on the way back with great ambition — on and off the field — and I want to be part of it."

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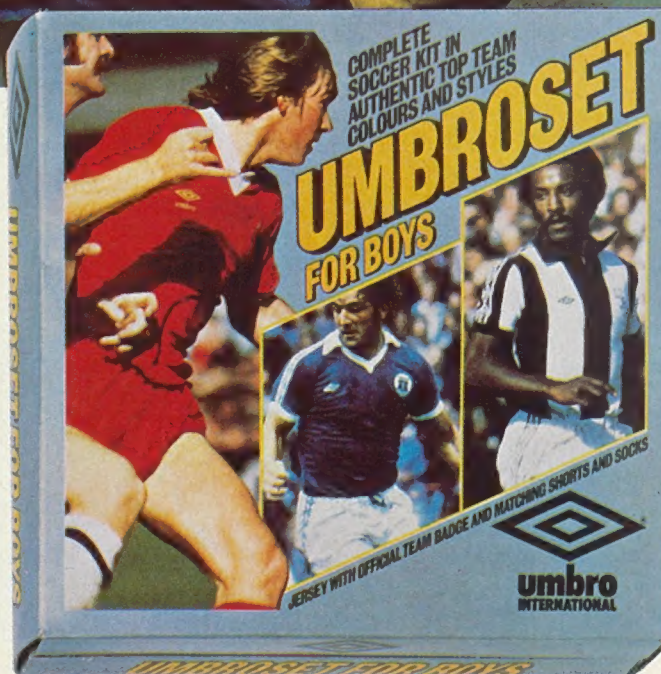
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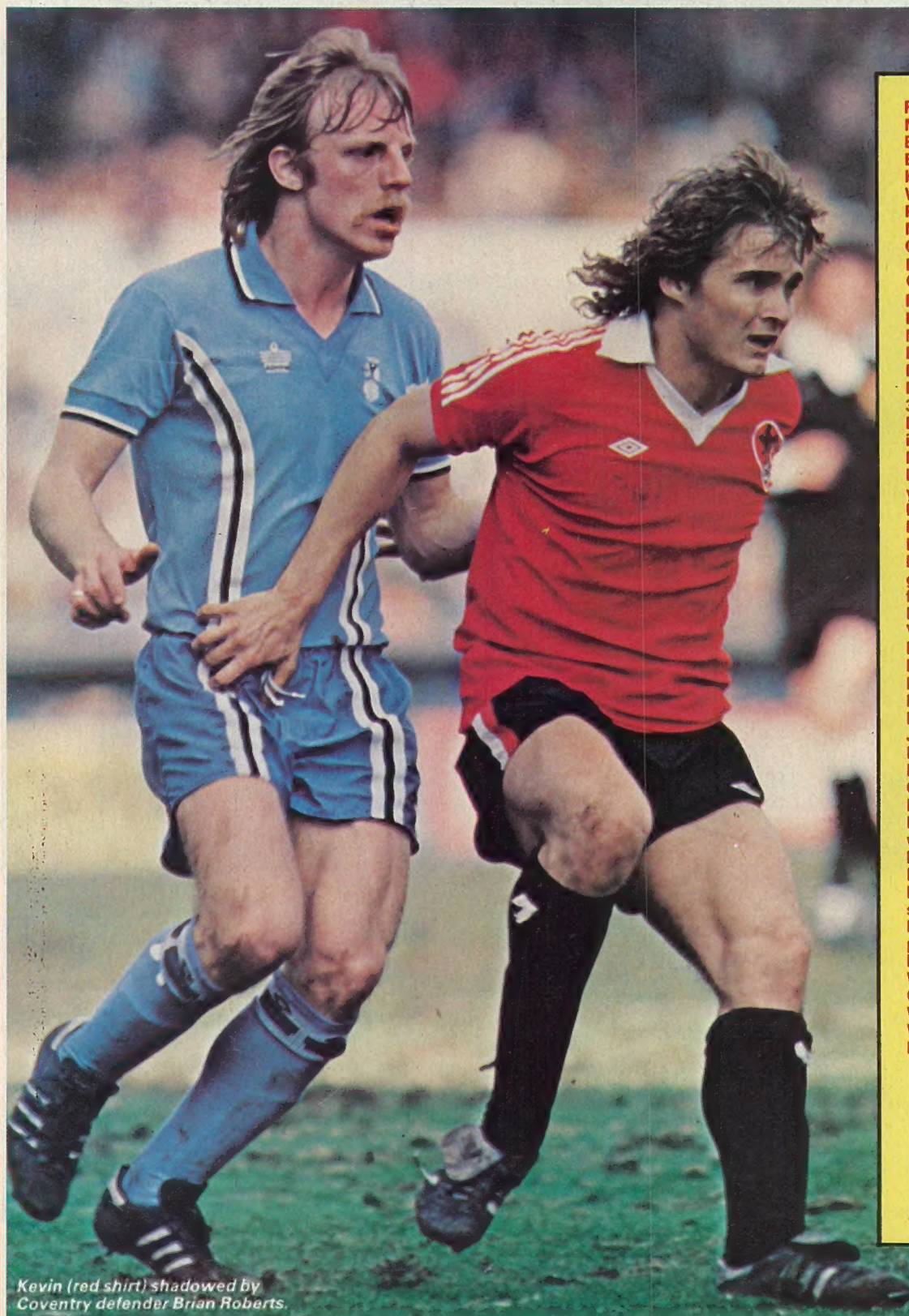
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